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Saints take big step towards Premier
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For Adkins it looks like being a return to Championship management next season.

Adkins was given a warm reception from Reading fans on his home debut, but also Saints supporters as well.

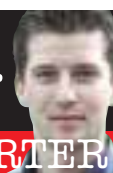
When Mauricio Pochettino emerged from the tunnel shortly afterwards there was a warm handshake between the pair.

Reading had the first chance

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of the match on four minutes when a deep free kick from the right reached Sean Morrison at the far post but under pressure he headed over from eight yards out.

The Royals were the team on the front foot in the early stages.

Saints were looking solid defensively but their chances to get on the ball and play their own game were limited initially as they weathered the early onslaught fired by a new manager taking charge of his first home game.

Chances remained at a premium as the half wore on but Saints had done a good job of taking that initial sting out of the game and started to assert their own authority.

But for all that, Adam Le

Fondre missed a gift wrapped opportunity to give Reading the lead on 20 minutes.

It was another free kick from the right and the defending from Saints was comical as they failed to make any connection to win a header as the ball came across and they then missed two chances to get the ball out of their own box, including one where they kicked the ball against each other.

In the end it fell to Le Fondre all alone just outside the six yard box but, just when he seemed certain to score, he leant back and put his half volley over the bar.

It was the start of an intense spell of Reading pressure.

Jo Hooiveld was pleased to see the referee wave away a

decent Reading penalty appeal when Hal Robson-Kanu went down in the area under his challenge, with the defender deemed to have just about got the ball at the same time as the player.

Then a cross from the right picked out the head of Adrian Mariappa ten yards out but his downward header was saved by Artur Boruc down low to his right.

Saints had half a chance themselves on 33 minutes when Rickie Lambert peeled onto the full back at the far post, headed back across goal and Gaston Ramirez headed wide but under pressure.

And a minute later they took the lead.

It was poor defending from Reading and opportunistic play from Jay Rodriguez as a simple lofted ball over the top from Lambert as a one-two looked like it would be dealt with between Morrisson and keeper Adam Federici.

However, the centre half looked to leave it to Federici who was very hesitant and didn't really challenge for it with any great commitment as Rodriguez slid in, just got to the ball first and it ricocheted over the line.

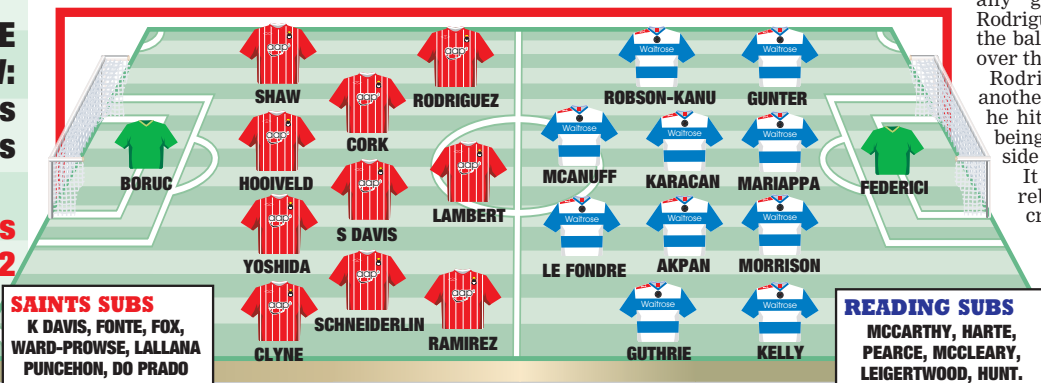
Rodriguez almost added another four minutes later as he hit a first time shot after being slid in down the right side of the area.

It beat Federici but rebounded back off the crossbar and away.

Reading suddenly looked frail and devoid of any confidence and Saints could have finished them off before the break.

Rodriguez won the ball cheaply and waltzed past the remainder of the defence with his low right footed shot was saved by Federici diving to his left.

However, it rebounded straight to Ramirez but he sidefooted wide with the goal at his mercy from ten yards out as the half ended 1-0.



TEAM NEWS

Mauricio Pochettino made just one change to the team that defeated Chelsea for the trip to face former Saints manager Nigel Adkins at Reading.

The only difference between the sides was Gaston Ramirez com-

ing into the team and Jason Puncion dropping to the bench. Artur Boruc was fit to continue in goal after coming off ill at half time against the Blues while

Adam Lallana was back amongst the subs after recovering from a groin injury.

For his first home game in charge of the Royals, Adkins had a massive reshuffle of his team in the hope of improved results.

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convincing win over Royals

ALL BUT FLIGHT...



DOWN: Reading keeper Adam Federici after Saints had netted their first.



CRASH: Jay Rodriguez and Reading defender Chris Gunter get tangled up.



ABOVE: Mauricio Pochettino watches on as his side see off Reading.

Adkins made a half time change with Mikele Leigertwood replacing Hope Akpan.

But Saints started the second half with similar purpose to how they ended the first.

Lambert crafted another great opening six minutes after the restart with a fantastic, defence splitting half volleyed pass into the path of Steven Davis but his first time finish was straight into the arms of Federici.

Rodriguez so nearly linked up with Lambert again as Saints threatened to get another with an inswinging cross to the far post that the sliding

striker was only a fraction away from being able to turn home.

Reading made another change on 62 minutes with Garath McCleary replacing Danny Guthrie before Adam Lallana made his Saints bow in place of Ramirez.

Saints still felt in total control of the game. The only real positive Reading could take was that no matter how lacking in belief they were, no matter how little likelihood there seemed of them coming back into it, they were still only a goal behind when the game could have been long gone.

They were eventually dead

and buried when Lallana marked his return to the team with his 50th Saints goal on 72 minutes.

Rodriguez was again instrumental, this time with a lovely flicked pass around the corner that played Lallana in behind and the midfielder made no mistake with a low finish past Federici from inside the area for 2-0.

Reading made a final switch to try and conjure something with Noel Hunt replacing Robson-Kanu but the game felt long gone.

Le Fondre's header was easily caught by Boruc but he only just kept the ball from going

over the line, chucking it out as he back peddled into the net.

Saints made a final late change by bringing on Guly do Prado for Steven Davis.

Saints should have rounded off the afternoon in style as Nathaniel Clyne got to the right by-line and cut back to Do Prado but he sidefooted over from 12 yards out when he should have scored.

James Ward-Prowse came on for Rodriguez for a matter of seconds before the final whistle blew to cap another Saints win and one that surely ensures their top flight survival this season.

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Saints Spotlight

Pompey keep up survival fight

PORTSMOUTH stretched their unbeaten run to five games as they held a rugged Stevenage side to a 0-0 draw at Fratton Park today.

In a game largely devoid of incident, Guy Whittingham's side battle manfully to glean a precious point in their fight to avoid the drop to League 2.

Pompey will be further buoyed by the fact that the two sides above them

in the League 1 table – Scunthorpe and Oldham – both lost yesterday.

Pompey, who occupy 22nd spot after today's round of fixtures, now have 39 points from their 43 games, with Scunthorpe currently occupying the last relegation spot with 41 points from 42 games and Oldham in 20th position with 41 points from 40 games.

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Mauricio gracious in victory

THE first face-to-face meeting between Nigel Adkins and Mauricio Pochettino ended with the current Saints boss wishing the man he replaced "all the luck in the world".

Pochettino was brought in to replace Adkins in January, and the first meeting between the two was always going to be heavily hyped, especially with the suspicion the Argentinian had accepted the job before the man in the role was sacked.

It passed off peacefully and Pochettino said: "I wished him all the luck in the world and it was a pleasure to meet him.

"I have the full, maximum respect for Nigel Adkins in a professional and personal manner and I wished him all the luck in this new job at Reading.

"I am pleased however with the performance of my players and my team."

He added: "More than anything I thank Nicola Cortese for the possibility of being here.

"I think the players belong to a club, and there's a lot of people working behind the scenes, not just Nigel Adkins, who have made Southampton what it is today.

"There are people working really hard who don't have the chance to be in front of cameras. I want to recognise their job.

"After two months at Southampton I am fully aware of what they are doing behind the scenes and I am really pleased with them."

Speaking of a slight change of tactics from Saints for the Reading fixture Pochettino reflected: "We have to analyse the game and the rival that we are facing.

"When you facing a rival that is just kicking the ball in the air there is no point in pressing really high so we didn't do that.

"Our tactic is to pressure, to play the ball from the back but we don't have just one tactic, we have various situations in which we develop our game.

"We try to give the team the capacity to deal with different situations in different ways but overall we try to maintain our philosophy of football, attacking and high pressing."



WATCHING ON:
Former Saints boss Nigel Adkins urges his Reading side on against Saints.

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Cricket fans can tuck in

IT'S a mouthwatering offer that will have any cricket fan eager to tuck in.

The *Southern Daily Echo* is offering cricket fans the chance to meet some of the Hampshire Cricket team over an early dinner at The Pig restaurant in the New Forest and then see the reigning YB40 Champions in action at The Ageas Bowl.

The Pig has earned an enviable reputation for its food winning rave reviews across the board for its seasonal British garden food, which changes daily to ensure only the freshest dishes are served. Locally sourced produce is key to head chef James Golding and the team and what is not grown in the walled garden or collected by the forager is sourced from local suppliers within a 25 mile radius.

At a special early dinner on April 22 some of the team will be



sampling the fabulous fare at The Pig in the Forest near Brockenhurst, and you could have the chance to join them.

One lucky winner and their guest will help cook up a storm

with James and some members of the cricket team mid-week on April 22 with the dinner starting at 5pm.

What's more the lucky winners will receive tickets to see Hampshire in action the opening YB40 match at the Ageas Bowl against Scotland on May 5 courtesy of Hampshire County Cricket Club.

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Saints Spotlight

Nigel's signing coming of age

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WHEN Nigel Adkins signed Jay Rodriguez last summer, he would have been hoping the striker would help to keep him in the Premier League.

Instead, by a rather cruel twist of fate, the Saints forward has ended up pushing his old boss to the very brink of the Championship.

On the day of the Grand National, it was fitting that Rodriguez produced a thoroughbred performance to lead his team to victory at the Madejski Stadium.

It was a result that surely extinguished any faint lingering concern that Saints could be under threat of relegation, while almost certainly condemning their opponents to the drop.

The club's supporters will have no qualms seeing the Royals depart from the top flight.

But they will take little pleasure at watching their former boss, Adkins, go with them.

"Nigel Adkins, he's too good for you" was the mocking chant directed at the Reading fans as this game wound down.

Yet, while Adkins had been the centre of attention for much of this occasion, the spotlight rightly ended up shining on Rodriguez.

Signed from Burnley for £7m, in what was then a club-record transfer, the forward's price tag is looking more and more like a bargain.

Rodriguez terrorised the Reading defence, galloping past them on countless occasions, while scoring the first and setting up the second.

Only the crossbar and a good Adam Federici save stopped him from adding to his tally.

It was the latest in a string of magnificent displays from the forward, who is thriving under the reign of Mauricio Pochettino.

So good was he here that a small part of Adkins may have wished he never pursued him during his time as Saints manager.

Rodriguez ensured what could have been a memorable day for Adkins ended up simply being miserable.

It had started nicely for the former St Mary's boss, though.

There was a rousing reception for Adkins as he emerged from the tunnel before the match, with both the Reading and the Saints



ON TARGET: Jay Rodriguez in action against Reading today.

fans affording him a standing ovation.

"It's ironic that my first home game as manager of Reading Football Club is against my former club Southampton, a club that will always have a place in my heart," he had written in his programme notes.

The response of the 2,216 visiting fans to his appearance will no doubt have touched him.

Adkins then greeted the Saints backroom staff on the touchline before kick-off, starting with his former fitness coach, Nick Harvey, before he shared a warm handshake and a friendly exchange of words with Pochettino.

The travelling fans paid one last tribute to their former boss 15 minutes into the game, with a chant of "There's only one Nigel Adkins".

It was a classy touch.

The Saints following then followed it up immediately with a cry of "There's only one Pochettino".

The current boss would have been in little doubt about how much support he has already garnered among the supporters, but this would also have been a pleasant reminder.

Pochettino further strengthened his standing with a tactical move that proved decisive in the game.

Rodriguez, who had started on the left of the attacking midfield three, was moved into the centre midway through the opening half, and with that switch so the game swung completely in Saints' favour.

Rodriguez started to find acres of space between the Royals midfield and back four, and he

exploited it magnificently.

A one-two with Rickie Lambert created the opener, with Rodriguez showing greater bravery than Reading keeper Adam Federici as he slid in to force the ball past him.

He then capped his man-of-the-match performance by releasing Adam Lallana to score his 50th Saints goal late-on.

The second half was a confident, assured display from the visitors, as they continued their march towards safety.

As the Saints players left the pitch at the final whistle, they were greeted by former assistant Andy Crosby, now with Adkins at Reading.

He shook each of their hands and gave them all a pat on the back as he sent them on their way into what looks like a very bright future.

Cherries stay in the title race

MATT Ritchie netted twice as Cherries came from behind to further enhance their promotion claims with a deserved victory over Notts County today.

Ritchie struck with a fierce left-foot drive after 17 minutes to cancel out Jeff Hughes's headed opener for the Magpies.

And, after Brett Pitman had scored for the sixth game in succession to make it 2-1 midway through the first half, Ritchie put the finishing touches to a sixth win on the trot five minutes from time.

Victory saw Cherries open a five-point gap in second place with promotion rivals Brentford and Sheffield United both held to draws.

Cherries made a disastrous start when some ponderous defending allowed County to take the lead after just 96 seconds.

Howe's men were caught cold when Jeff Hughes rose to meet a cross from Joss Labadie, his header finding the back of the net despite the best efforts of Ryan Allsop.

As Cherries went in search of a quick response, a Simon Francis effort was

scooped up by County goalkeeper Bartosz Bialkowski before Brett Pitman fired a left-foot shot just past the post.

Bialkowski also had to be on his toes to tip Ritchie's stinging volley over the crossbar, although the Pole was powerless to prevent the former Swindon man levelling on 17 minutes.

Ritchie's arrow-like finish from just inside the 18-yard box came after Charlie Daniels's cross from the left had found him in space, with Marc Pugh instrumental during the build-up.

Pitman fired Cherries ahead with a rasping drive after 26 minutes, the striker netting for the sixth game in succession following an assist from Tubbs.

Although County were convinced Tubbs had handled in the lead up to the goal, referee David Phillips was having none of it and Pitman's 16th goal of the season stood.

The Magpies were reduced to 10 men on the stroke of half-time when Andre Boucaud, booked earlier for a foul, received a second yellow card for persistent misconduct.

Alan Sheehan struck a free-kick straight at the defensive wall before Allsop pulled off a top-drawer save to parry a second free-kick from Labadie.

A patient build up ended with Bialkowski pushing wide Arter's snapshot before Cherries' appeals for a penalty fell on deaf ears after Tubbs had gone to ground under a Jamal Campbell-Ryce challenge.

Cherries were finally rewarded for their attacking exploits when Ritchie made it 3-1 with five minutes remaining. The winger finished low into the bottom corner after Lewis Grabban had teed him up.



ON TARGET: Matt Ritchie scored Cherries' second.

Moving on and moving up...

BY the time you read this Saints will either have taken another big step towards safety or the media will have what it wants and Reading and Nigel Adkins will have taken three massive points from his former club.

The tabloid press will no doubt be cranking up the tension and feeding off the first meeting of Adkins and Saints after his dismissal.

You couldn't ask for a more dramatic face-off between the old and the new, the right and the wronged.

No doubt Saints will be up first on Match Of The Day as the media long for a Reading win to fill up their column space.

If there's any justice, Nigel Adkins will get a round of applause before the game, 90 minutes of being ignored followed by a verse of "one Nigel Adkins" once Saints have won the game.

This is probably one of the most important games of 2013.

Win this and there's every chance that one relegation berth is resolved and Saints can start to think about pushing for a top ten place.

Lose it, and we're back to looking over our shoulder.

The most interesting point here is how quickly opinions have changed since Mauricio Pochettino proved to be an astute appointment.

There can be little argument that Pochettino is a step forward for Saints. Just as Adkins was from Pardew.

His success has really spoilt the feeding frenzy that surrounded Adkins' sacking.

How many so called 'experts' were calling for Saints to go down in sympathy for the new Reading manager?

What say they now?

The real point of interest in this game



comes not from Adkins vs Pochettino but Cortese vs Zingarevich.

Much was made of Adkins' dismissal, how unfair it was and how brutal and callous it was to sack the man who brought the club two successive promotions.

How heartless was it that Pochettino was waiting in the wings to take the popular Saints man's job?

Heartless to some, but it appeared that McDermott's dismissal snuck under the radar.

Equally brutal, but tinged with shades of incompetence as Reading had no one in mind to take over.

As a football fan wouldn't you want your cub to dismiss someone and actually have a plan B?

Both Reading and Sunderland have dropped major clangers in getting rid of their managers at completely the wrong time.

Sunderland's decision especially beggars belief.

To sack your manager in late March is just stunningly incompetent.

Forget Di Canio's political leanings, who in their right frame of mind would sack Martin O'Neil and put a League One manager in his place?

You can't help but think that this weekend could see two relegation places sorted.

If nothing else, a win away at Reading would do one thing, stick two fingers up at Mark Lawrenson who has predicted a Saints defeat for the, wait for it, 15th time in a row this season. His prediction

of a 2-1 defeat to Reading makes amazing reading.

"Saints got a big win against Chelsea last week and they now have a few teams – and a few points – between them and the bottom three. They are strong going forward, which is why I always fancied they would be OK."

So let me get this straight, Lawro?

You've predicted Saints to lose 15 times in a row but always fancied we'd be okay? Am I alone in thinking that makes no sense whatsoever?

Lawrenson is one of those annoying so called experts who seem to have an amazing knack of not getting anything right.

His predictions have acquired that comedy value that if he actually predicted we'd win, I'd be worried.

This week he's up against singer Olly Murs, who's gone for a bold 3-3 draw which I can actually see as more likely than Lawrenson's predictable prediction.

Either way, once the final whistle blows Nigel Adkins will become history, but what a glorious history it was.

Nigel, with the greatest of respect, I hope your team goes down but I can think of no one better equipped to get Reading back up again.

Nigel, you gave me some of my most favourite memories of the last 15 years of supporting the Saints.

And no matter what happens, you'll always have a special place in my heart at least.

Good luck. I think you'll need it...



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Football is a cruel game

THE managerial merry go round just keeps on spinning with the sacking of Martin O'Neill and Sunderland's controversial appointment of Paolo di Canio the season's latest change.

This is a results business after all and if you don't get the required points you get relieved of your duties.

That's the nature of the beast. Some owners have been accused of being a bit trigger happy but that wasn't the case at the Stadium of Light.

Let's look at managerial comings-and-goings to determine whether change has been for the better.

Starting closer to home, Southampton's choice to replace Nigel Adkins with Mauricio Pochettino now seems an inspired choice.

Many were left baffled after Adkins' dismissal following a 2-2 draw at Chelsea. But the way the team has performed under the Argentine has proved some doubters wrong.

Hopefully he can keep Saints in the Premier League. They're not quite safe but after the excellent results at home to Liverpool and last week against Chelsea, another two wins should secure top-flight football for another term. Most managerial casualties are towards the foot of table but Chelsea's dismissal of Roberto Di Matteo came as no shock to those who follow the west London club.

Roman Abramovich saw fit to dismiss the Italian following the failure to defend the Champions League title won in May.

To say that decision angered the Stamford Bridge faithful is an understatement, but it was the appointment of Rafa Benitez that really enraged the fans.

Where Chelsea might have been had they kept the affable Italian is pure speculation but Benitez's focus on delivering in the cups to boost his resume might yet leave them with the possibility of missing out on Champions League football next season.

Following QPR's summer spending spree it is fair to say Tony Fernandes expected results for his substantial outlay.

However, following an abysmal start to the season QPR's owner saw fit to change things around, sacking Mark Hughes and replacing him with Harry Redknapp.

Redknapp is well known on south coast, and in a not-too-flattering light, but his record at Spurs was a good enough reason for QPR to believe he was the right man for the job.

It hasn't worked out as planned and,

despite more spending in January, life at Loftus Road isn't much better than when 'Harry Houdini' took over.

With the trapdoor opening below them, this is one risk that doesn't seem to have paid off.

Fellow strugglers Reading pulled the plug on Brian McDermott's reign just 33 days after he won manager of the month.

Four consecutive defeats were enough for the club's owners to decide on a change. But their appointment of Adkins came as a surprise and seems to be a contingency plan for their expected relegation.

While Adkins does have an undoubted ability to get teams promoted, as we know well, McDermott did win the Championship with Reading and perhaps should have been granted the opportunity to do so once again.

There have been murmurings he had money to spend in January and chose not to.

This may be an underlying reason for his departure. Finally, we get to the drama played out at the Stadium of Light this week, where O'Neill was sacked for the first time in his career.

A boyhood Sunderland fan, the Northern Irishman seemed a perfect fit for the club, but for whatever reason things failed to work out, as they so often do in the north east.

O'Neill's replacement has caused quite a stir, something the Sunderland board would hope isn't only the case in the stands but also on the training pitch and in the changing room.

While talk of fascism and racism has dominated the headlines this week it will all come down to results and if Paolo Di Canio can keep the Black Cats up all will soon be forgotten.

He certainly faces an uphill task, with Sunderland having arguably the toughest run-in of all the relegation-threatened clubs.

While the doubters mark his extreme ways and lack of experience at the top as negatives, his fresh approach and explosive character maybe he is just what Sunderland need to claw themselves out of the mess they're in.

MANAGERIAL MERRY GO ROUND: Harry Redknapp, left, and Martin O'Neill, main pic, have had contrasting fortunes in the managerial sack race this season.



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| Sun 2 Man UnitedH | L 2-3 | K Davis | Clyne | Fonte | Hooiveld | Fox | W-Prowse | Schneiderlin 1 | S Davis | Puncheon* | Lallana*** | Lambert*** 1 | Mayuka* | Do Prado** |
| Sat 15 ArsenalA | L 1-6 | K Davis | Clyne | Fonte | Hooiveld* | Fox 1 | W-Prowse | Schneiderlin | S Davis** | Puncheon | Lallana | Lambert*** | Yoshida* | Ramirez** |
| Sat 22 Aston VillaH | W 4-1 | Gazzaniga | Clyne 1 | Fonte | Yoshida | Fox* | S Davis*** | Schneiderlin | Lallana | Puncheon** 1 | Ramirez | Lambert 2 | Richardson* | Mayuka** |
| Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3) . .H | W 2-0 | Gazzaniga | Richardson | Hooiveld | Yoshida | Seaborne | W-Prowse | Cork** | Lallana | De Ridder | Do Prado* | Rodriguez*** 2 | Reeves* | Robinson** |
| Sat 29 EvertonA | L 1-3 | Gazzaniga | Richardson | Fonte | Yoshida | Clyne** | W-Prowse | S Davis | Chaplow | Rodriguez* | Ramirez 1 | Lambert | Mayuka* | Reeves** |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 7 FulhamH | D 2-2 | Gazzaniga | Richardson* | Fonte 2 | Yoshida | Fox | S Davis | Schneiderlin | Lallana | Puncheon** | Rodriguez | Lambert*** | Hooiveld* | Chaplow** |
| Sat 20 West HamA | L 1-4 | Boruc | Clyne | Fonte | Hooiveld | Yoshida | S Davis*** | Schneiderlin | Lallana 1 | Puncheon** | Do Prado | Rodriguez* | Lambert* | Mayuka** |
| Sun 28 TottenhamH | L 1-2 | Boruc | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Fox*** | Puncheon* | Schneiderlin | S Davis** | Lallana | Rodriguez 1 | Rodriguez* | Mayuka* | Do Prado** |
| Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4)A | L 0-3 | K Davis | Butterfield | Hooiveld | Seaborne | Reeves | W-Prowse | Chaplow | Do Prado | De Ridder** | Mayuka | Lee* | Shaw* | Isgrove** |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 5 West BromA | L 0-2 | Gazzaniga | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Fox*** | Ramirez** | Schneiderlin | S Davis | Lallana | Rodriguez* | Lambert | Mayuka* | Do Prado** |
| Sat 10 SwanseaH | D 1-1 | Gazzaniga | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw* | Schneiderlin 1 | Cork | Puncheon | Ramirez | Lallana | Lambert | Fox* | Shaw*** |
| Sat 17 QPRA | W 3-1 | Gazzaniga | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw** | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon 1 | Ramirez* | Lallana | Lambert*** 1 | S Davis* | Rodriguez** |
| Sun 25 NewcastleH | W 2-0 | Gazzaniga | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw*** | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon | Ramirez* | Lallana 1 | Lambert* | Rodriguez* | S Davis** |
| Weds 28 NorwichH | D 1-1 | Gazzaniga | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw* | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon** | Ramirez | Lallana | Lambert 1 | Reeves* | Rodriguez** |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 1 LiverpoolA | L 0-1 | Gazzaniga | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw | Schneiderlin | Cork* | Puncheon** | Ramirez | Lallana | Lambert | S Davis* | Rodriguez** |
| Sat 8 ReadingH | W 1-0 | K Davis | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw | Puncheon 1 | Schneiderlin | Cork | Lallana* | Rodriguez** | Lambert | Ramirez | Do Prado** |
| Sat 22 SunderlandH | L 0-1 | K Davis | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw | Puncheon*** | Schneiderlin** | Cork | Ramirez | Mayuka* | Lambert 1 | De Ridder* | S Davis** |
| Weds 26 FulhamA | D 1-1 | K Davis | Clyne | Fonte | Yoshida | Shaw | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon | S Davis* | Ramirez** | Lambert 1 | Rodriguez* | Do Prado** |
| Sat 29 StokeA | D 3-3 | K Davis | Yoshida | Fonte | Hooiveld | Shaw* | Puncheon** | Schneiderlin | Cork | Do Prado | Rodriguez 1 | Lambert 1 | Fox* | Richardson** |
| JANUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tues 1 ArsenalH | D 1-1 | Boruc | Cork | Fonte | Hooiveld | Shaw | Puncheon | Schneiderlin | S Davis | Do Prado*** | Ramirez** 1 | Lambert* | Rodriguez* | W-Prowse** |
| Sat 5 Chelsea (FAC 3)H | L 1-5 | Boruc | Cork | Fonte** | Yoshida | Shaw | Schneiderlin* | S Davis | Puncheon*** | W-Prowse | Do Prado | Rodriguez 1 | De Ridder* | Hooiveld** |
| Sat 12 Aston VillaA | W 1-0 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Shaw*** | Puncheon** | Schneiderlin | Cork | Ramirez* | Rodriguez | Lambert 1 | Fox | Lee*** |
| Weds 16 ChelseaA | D 2-2 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Shaw | Puncheon 1 | Schneiderlin | Cork | Do Prado*** | Rodriguez | Rodriguez* | Lambert* 1 | De Ridder*** |
| Mon 21 EvertonH | D 0-0 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Shaw | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon*** | Ramirez** | Do Prado** | Lambert | Rodriguez* | Ramirez*** |
| Weds 30 Man UnitedA | L 1-2 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Fox*** | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon** | Ramirez* | Rodriguez 1 | Lambert | Lallana* | De Ridder*** |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 WiganA | D 2-2 | Boruc | Clyne** | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Shaw | Schneiderlin 1 | Cork | Puncheon*** | Ramirez* | Rodriguez | Lambert 1 | S Davis* | W-Prowse*** |
| Sat 9 Man CityH | W 3-1 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Fox** | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon* 1 | S Davis*** 1 | Rodriguez | Lambert | Lallana* | W-Prowse*** |
| Sun 24 NewcastleA | L 2-4 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Shaw* | Schneiderlin 1 | Cork | Rodriguez*** | S Davis** | Lallana | Lambert 1 | Fox* | Puncheon*** |
| MARCH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 QPRH | L 1-2 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Fonte | Fox** | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon | Ramirez** 1 | Lallana* | Lambert | Rodriguez* | W-Prowse*** |
| Sat 9 NorwichA | D 0-0 | Boruc | Yoshida | Fonte | Hooiveld | Shaw | Schneiderlin | Cork | Rodriguez*** | Ramirez* | Lallana** | Lambert | Do Prado* | Puncheon*** |
| Sat 16 LiverpoolH | W 3-1 | Boruc | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld* | Shaw | Schneiderlin 1 | Cork | Ramirez** | Rodriguez 1 | Lallana*** | Lambert 1 | Fonte* | Do Prado*** |
| Sat 30 ChelseaH | W 2-1 | Boruc* | Clyne | Yoshida | Hooiveld | Shaw | Schneiderlin | Cork | Puncheon** | S Davis*** | Rodriguez 1 | Lambert 1 | K Davis* | Fox*** |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 6 ReadingA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 13 West HamH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 20 SwanseaA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 27 West BromH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sat 4 TottenhamA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 12 SunderlandA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 19 StokeH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Adam Rant

This week's big talking points
with Adam Leitch

Football bubble

FOOTBALL and politics are an ugly combination – but they can and do mix and to assume otherwise seems simply arrogant.

In today's world of 24-hour rolling news, and incessant coverage of Premier League football, every cough and splutter from every club is disseminated.

All the more when it features a controversial and charismatic character.

To think otherwise is entirely naive.

Sunderland have had

such accusations levied their way after the appointment of Paolo Di Canio.

Yes, it does show just how far things are skewed towards the Premier League that his arrival at Swindon was not greeted with any similarly significant hoopla, but they surely didn't expect his past statements and actions to be ignored?

Or had they not checked them out fully enough?

From a distance we cannot say for sure whether they had done their homework or not, but what we can say is the reaction was pretty poor.

It almost seemed to come as a surprise that many people would find the appointment of a man who has previously been quoted – misquoted, he says – of being a fascist to a position as a Premier League manager might be a little troubling.

For Adam Rant, this is just another example of the football bubble.

Many people within it operate in a most unusual way, and that can include fans as well.

All good sense that people employ in their normal lives can often go out of the window when blind passion because of sport gets involved.

A famous former manager has said to me privately that fans wouldn't care if Hitler was chairman of their football club as long as the team is winning.

Maybe that is pushing it to the extreme, but I get his gist.

In the same way that sane self-made businessmen plough endless millions into football clubs and run up massive and unsustainable debts because of their blind passion, that normally polite and friendly fans feel it acceptable to abuse not just footballers but anybody vaguely connected with the game behind the safety of their keyboards and computer screen, so the furore surrounding this appointment should have been totally expected.

To claim Di Canio's politics is in some way irrelevant to his appointment is bonkers.

It might not technically affect how he can manage a football team, but his position is far more significant than merely some

CONTROVERSIAL:
Paolo Di Canio.

backroom coach who leads a few lads on a jog round a training field and lays out a few bibs and cones.

It is another example of the arrogance of the football bubble that the initial reaction from Di Canio and Sunderland seemed to be shock and horror that this should be allowed to cloud the waters of whether he can do his job or not.

Di Canio has since come out and denied he is a fascist, despite previous evidence to the contrary.

You have to hope he's telling the truth, because if he's not then

that is even sadder because he can't even stand up for what he believes in.

If those were his beliefs then, as abhorrent as they may be to many, at least you could respect the fact he clarified what he believed in, and then he can be argued down.

In this country we have a history and tradition of tolerating all kinds of political views and opinions. We are a democracy and we will hear from everybody, and then use our own good judgement and sense to filter what we believe

to be right and proper.

Italian fascism is not as simple as one set ideology, it does have strands, some less extreme than others, and perhaps we could have attempted to have understood.

Di Canio has denied his backing for it, either telling the truth or cowardly trying to stem the media storm.

Whatever, it is a clear message to football that it should never be complacent and arrogantly assume it can do whatever it wants entirely unquestioned.

Feeding frenzy

GRAND National time seems to attract an ever more mixed bunch of opinions.

In the build-up to the main event we had a horse die and, sadly, there may be more to follow in the race itself.

Some believe that horse racing is cruel and should be banned, others that these sad deaths are part and parcel of a great pastime. The truth is that horse racing is a tough and dangerous career for all involved, as was proved by the paralysis of a jockey just last week and the death of a leading racehorse this.

Adam Rant must admit to have mixed feelings about the whole thing.

I have enjoyed horse racing in the past, I have been numerous times and bet on the sport.

I also feel immensely sad for any animal that is killed or seriously injured in effect entertaining us humans.

But it's probably a little bit like being a carnivore who also doesn't want to see animals suffer.

I probably wouldn't ever want to have to kill for dinner but could buy some pre-packed meat from a supermarket and cook it up without much of a second thought.

As you may have gathered, unusually Adam Rant doesn't have an opinion, but thought it was worth musing on.

A rare success

WISDEN is 150 years old.

Adam Rant cannot honestly think of few things more mind numbing – other perhaps than watching the garbage that is the majority of modern TV – than sitting and attempting to read an entire edition from cover to cover.

But even so, I'm delighted that it still exists.

Some things are history and tradition.

They just are.

And in this modern age, where that sort of thing is seen as stuffy and irrelevant, and is increasingly being scrapped because it's not hip and trendy and the latest fad simply used to rinse people of a few quid before it is disbanded and quickly forgotten, it's great that some things buck the trend.

Let's face it, Big Brother won't be going in 150 years. Surely?

Premiership Spotlight



Non-leag News

Bashley move is a step closer

BASHLEY'S move to Fawcett's Field edged a step closer this week with news that New Milton Town have resigned from the Sydenhams Wessex League.

Linnets gave notice to quit just before the March 31 deadline, but the club confirmed they still have the option to rejoin the Wessex ranks without financial penalty should the move not go ahead.

The New Forest neighbours have been negotiating about a renamed Bashley moving into New Milton's ground to play in the Southern Premier Division from next season.

Bash were this week still awaiting Football Association approval to change their name to Bashley & New Milton - different to the original proposal Bashley New Milton - as well as planning permission to make necessary ground improvements to Fawcett's Field.

Confirming New Milton's decision to leave the Wessex, chairman John Breaker said: "The FA have been very helpful in understanding the situation."

"They say they need more information before the move itself is approved, but their help with the Wessex League means we can, hopefully, move things along now."

Bashley chairman Richard Millbery added: "Our discussions with the FA are ongoing, but they are moving along in a constructive way to push this move towards fruition. We have no particular time frame at this stage, but we are getting very positive feedback."

Bash took a major stride towards Southern Premier safety on Monday when a late goal by former AFC Totton defender Ian Richardson sealed a 1-0 home win over Weymouth.

New Milton had to settle for a 1-1 home draw with Lymington Town after beating Bournemouth Poppies 2-0 on Saturday.

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AND we thought Nicola Cortese had gambled when he sacked Nigel Adkins and appointed an Argentine with no previous experience in the English leagues!

Cortese's decision to bring in Mauricio Pochettino appears to have been a successful one - certainly with regards to Saints staying in the Premier League.

We can't yet say the same about Sunderland owner Ellis Short's controversial decision to appoint Paolo Di Canio after sacking Martin

O'Neill.

Dispensing with the services of a man with vast Premier League experience, in favour of a hot-headed Italian who has never managed at the top level, is several notches higher on the gambling ladder than bringing in Pochettino.

At least he had worked in La Liga, the same level as Saints find themselves, for over three years.

Di Canio has had success at Swindon, for sure, but in the lower divisions.

Will his own brand of management work in the high pressure media frenzy world of the Premier League?

We will soon find out, starting this Sunday at Stamford Bridge.

Sunderland could find themselves in the relegation zone when they trot out to face Chelsea.

The Premier League drop zone is no place for the faint-hearted - and, of all the accusations you could throw at Di Canio, he is not that.

He could not be a bigger contrast to the man who last week was appointed boss of a top flight struggler, Nigel Adkins.

Adkins, throughout his time at Saints, hardly ever spoke a controversial word.

His press conferences at times were a masterclass in the mundane, the banal.

But to Saints fans, that was beside the point. He could obviously speak to his players better than he converse



BRAVE MOVE: Sunderland's new boss Paolo Di Canio is unveiled to the media and, right, Nigel Adkins.

with the media, and that is what he was paid to do after all.

You cannot imagine Adkins using the word 'anarchist' in a press conference.

You cannot imagine Adkins saying the words 'people think I am from Mars'.

And hell would freeze over before Adkins told reporters that he wouldn't be afraid to give his players 'a kick up the bottom' if needed.

Di Canio said all three on being presented to the national media this week.

"You have to know how to manage your players," said the new Black Cats boss - the most headline grabbing appointment in the Premier League for years if the national media are to be believed.

(Of course, there was never this much fuss about politics and fascism and Nazi salutes

when Di Canio was Swindon manager. They're not Premier League, so they don't count. Di Canio only becomes interesting when he joins a top flight club ...)

"It is obvious you have different egos in the Premier League, but you have to have strict rules, discipline, and work hard on the field during the week otherwise the product you deliver on Saturday is not good.

"That won't change. It's not just Paolo Di Canio's opinion, all managers around the world think the same.

"If everybody interprets the game wrong, because they do not train properly during the week or because there is no discipline, you have an anarchists' team.

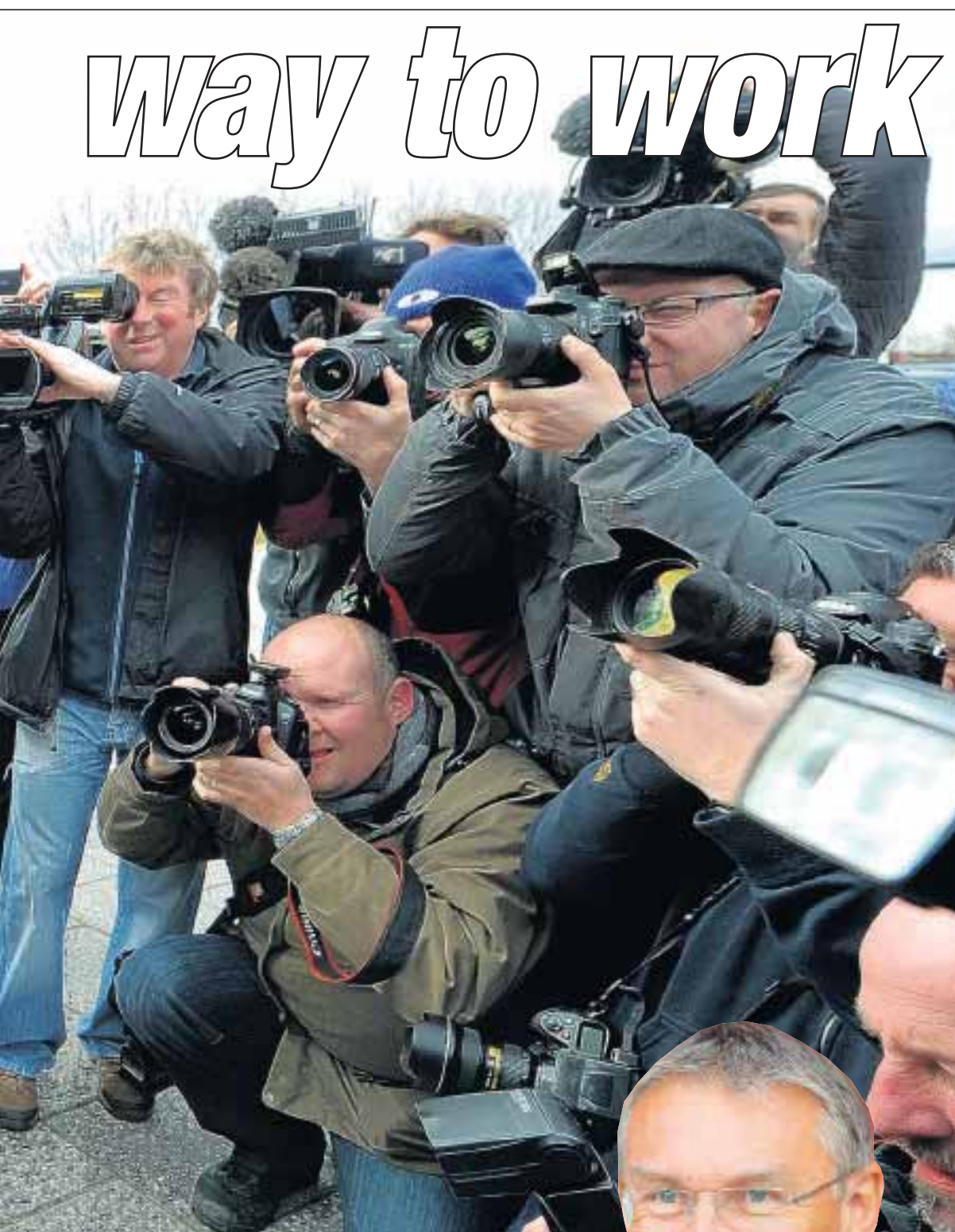
"And if there is anarchy maybe the players try to do the right thing, but doesn't work in the way it should.

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way to work



"Especially the new generation, not because they are bad guys but they are young and full of technology, they go round the town and if you don't make them concentrate during training sessions you don't help them to be focused."

"I am not saying it happened here, I have to be clear."

"I don't know what happened here but with the play-

ers we have got I can't imagine how we are one point from relegation zone."

"The first training session was a shock for them."

"We are going to change a bit our philosophy in the way we approach our training sessions, because if you do not prepare yourself the best in your training session you can't do a good job in a Saturday

or Sunday game."

"We have a very good foundation with five or

six players with fantastic talent and a



group of young players who are full of enthusiasm to prove their quality.

"We can now light the fire and let them play together with energy and quality."

Di Canio has identified confidence among the players as one issue he has to deal with, especially with only seven games remaining of the season – including a home game against Saints on the penultimate weekend of the season.

"From the last two games I watched against Norwich and Manchester United it is clear that some players are not fully confident, probably because the last few results weren't good," he said.

"But I am sure through my job and my staff's job we can help them to restore this belief and play as they used to play before."

"Obviously it's a hard job as we have only seven games but we are fully confident."

"We have to think that on May 19 we are going to celebrate because this club will still be in the Premier League."

Di Canio claimed that those who doubt his ability as a manager will have to eat their words.

"It is obvious that in the past people have been sceptical because it was my first job as Swindon, League Two, League One, the mad Italian, he will fight his players, but at the end I won the league."

"I am young, people say the same, I have no experience in the Premiership but I am not worried."

"People sometimes think I am from Mars and am different from all the others, but it's obvious it's a different situation but I am good enough to deliver."

"I will prove that I am a winning manager."

"For the sceptical people they are going to say 'we were wrong when we said Paolo di Canio is not ready'."

Big words indeed, and great stuff for the media.

As a journalist and sub editor, it would be great to have someone like Di Canio at Saints.

Never a dull moment and all that!

Fans, though, would no doubt prefer Adkins' calm manner rather than Di Canio's emotional outbursts, wearing his heart on his sleeve.

One thing is undoubted, though.

If Paolo Di Canio can mastermind Sunderland to the sort of wins Pochettino has overseen at Saints, then the pair should be meeting up again next season in the Premier League.

Non-leag News

Pike fury as Boro lose at Totton

GOSPORT Borough manager Alex Pike professed himself "frustrated" and "disappointed" with the performance of referee Mark Derrien as his side crashed to a second straight defeat, 3-2, at AFC Totton on Easter Monday, writes RYAN DAY.

The match official inadvertently deflected the ball into the path of Totton's Mike Gosney who slotted home to make it 2-1 to the home side.

And Pike was even more incensed when, at 2-2, the ref waved play on after Sammy Igoe appeared to have been bundled over five minutes into stoppage time. The Stags broke and grabbed all three points courtesy of youth team graduate Luke Roberts.

"I have had a word with him (the referee) afterwards and he doesn't think he has done anything wrong," said Pike.

"We stand here moaning about the officials, but they have to take part in the game and make sure they don't make these fundamental errors," he added.

It was a miserable Easter for Gosport.

After stringing together an awesome run of 23 games unbeaten in the Southern Premier Division, they finally met their match at Privett Park last Saturday when Arlesey Town emerged shock 1-0 winners.

Borough's play-off charge then suffered another setback at Totton's Testwood Stadium, where they had already lost twice this season in the FA Trophy and Hampshire FA Senior Cup.

Borough, though, remain in the play-off frame in fifth spot and Pike realises it's now his job to ensure they bounce back.

"As manager, it's up to me to make sure we go to Hitchin (today) with the right attitude and end this run of losses so that it's not three defeats in a row," he said.

As for the play-offs, Pike still thinks his side will be in the frame in three weeks' time.

"We are not going to let this loss affect us," he said defiantly.

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Sports Quiz

- 1 Which stadium will host the 2013 Europa League final next month?
- 2 Declan Kidney's contract as Ireland rugby union coach was terminated earlier this week. In which year did he take up the post?
- 3 Who is the highest-placed non-European player in the men's world tennis rankings?
- 4 What is the nickname of St Louis' NFL team?
- 5 What nationality is golfer Branden Grace?
- 6 Who is the coach of Champions League quarter-finalists Galatasaray?
- 7 Who is the defending champion at this week's PGA Tour Valero Texas Open?
- 8 Which Super League club play their home games at the Halliwell Jones Stadium?
- 9 Australia batsman Usman Khawaja was born in which country?
- 10 Which NHL team are the reigning Stanley Cup champions?
- 11 Name the two horses which had to be put down after competing in last year's Grand National.



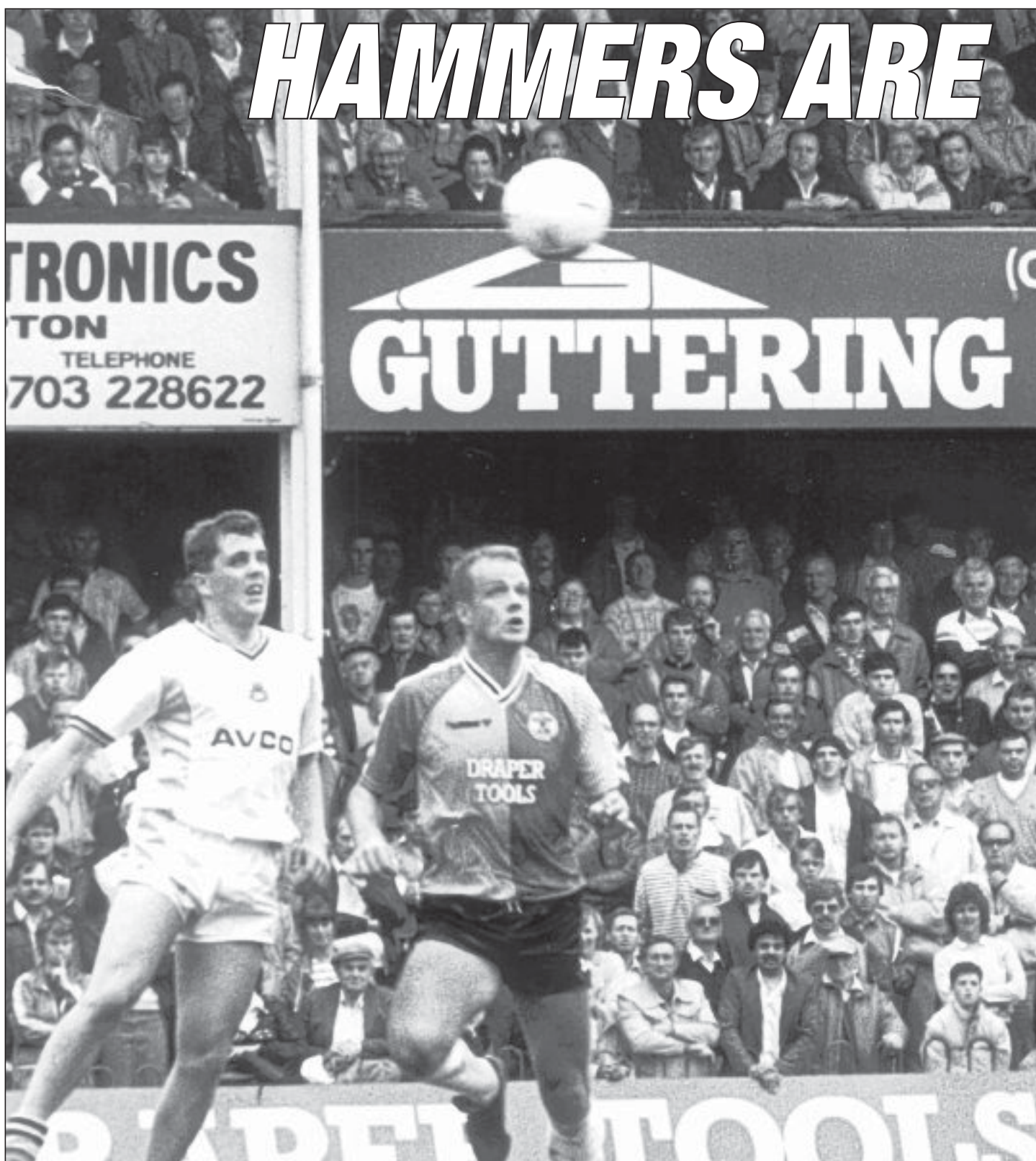
- 12 Who is the coach of Basle?
- 13 Who are the defending LV= County champions?
- 14 Name the two Britons who are reigning World Athletics champions.
- 15 Name the three Major League Soccer sides based in California.
- 16 Which Belgian club did Yaya Toure, pictured above, spend two seasons with at the start of his career?
- 17 Gary Ballance plays for which county cricket side?
- 18 Which team won back-to-back NBA titles in 1994 and 1995?
- 19 Who rode Earth Summit to victory in the 1998 Grand National?
- 20 Where will the 2014 Champions League final be held?

1 The Amsterdam Arena; 2 2008; 3 Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro (seventh); 4 The Rams; 5 South African; 6 Faith Temm; 7 Ben Curtis; 8 Warrington Wolves; 9 Pakistan; 10 The Los Angeles Kings; 11 Synchronised. According to Pete; 12 Murat Yakin; 13 Warwickshire; 14 Mo Farah (5,000m) and Dai Greene (400m hurdles); 15 Chivas USA, Los Angeles Galaxy; San Jose Earthquakes; 16 Beveren; 17 Yorkshire; 18 Houston Rockets; 19 Carl Lewellyn; 20 Estadio da Luz, Lisbon.

Saints Spotlight



HAMMERS ARE



IT was the second perfect start to a season for Saints in three seasons.

Paul Rideout scored twice as Chris Nicholl's men thrashed West Ham 4-0 at The Dell on the

opening day of the 1988/89 season.

The comfortable victory, over a Hammers side that went on to be relegated from the old First Division, came just two years after Saints had caned QPR 5-1 at The Dell on the first day of

1986/87.

Rideout is pictured heading Saints ahead against West Ham, who visit St Mary's next weekend. Glenn Cockerill chipped them further ahead before the break, and Rideout grabbed his

second just after the hour mark.

Matt Le Tissier completed what would turn out to be Saints' best win of the league season.

Here, on these pages, we bring back other memories of West Ham visits to The Dell.

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GOAL: Glenn Cockerill scores for Saints in their 4-0 Dell drubbing of West Ham in 1988.



GOAL: Mick Channon celebrates his goal in a 2-1 win over West Ham in the 1981/82 season.



ON THE BALL: Steve Moran tackled by Ray Stewart during Saints' 2-0 win in 1983/84.



GOING FOR GOAL: Saints put pressure on the Hammers defence at The Dell in 1968.

BOOK of the WEEK

Foinaven: The Story of the Grand National's Biggest Upset
By David Owen

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Given the furore the unexpected victory caused at the time, it's a wonder no-one has written a book about Foinaven, winner of the 1967 Grand National, although following the publication of David Owen's engaging account, the wait has proved worthwhile.

The National has always managed to produce unique sporting theatre, but few races in the modern era, including Red Rum's famous third success, were quite as remarkable as Foinaven's.

Live sports broadcasts were extremely rare half a century ago and the country regularly ground to a halt in order to watch the race.

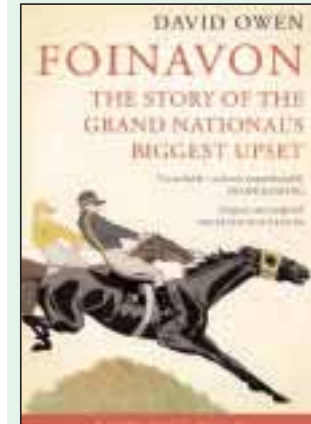
Everyone wagered at least a shilling each-way and betting shops opened early to accommodate huge punter demand.

Grand National Saturday was the only day of the year when respectable women went inside a bookies' office.

Peter O'Sullivan's wonderfully calm and informed commentary contrasted perfectly with that of the excitable Irishman, Michael O'Hehir, to whom the honour of calling the incident that would make National history would fall.

Prior to the race, three jockeys rejected the opportunity to ride Foinaven before a young John Buckingham was chosen as the 100/1 outsider's mount.

In truth, the blinkered Foinaven could



have gone out at 500/1 and attracted little attention from backers, although those who did support him held their breath as the leading pack approached the 23rd fence.

Just before the jump, the leading horse hesitated, stopped, then wandered sideways into the oncoming throng.

Some fell immediately, others took off too soon and landed on the fence, while another group ploughed straight into it without attempting to jump.

For a while, it looked as though no-one would get over the fence until a sole trailing horse at the very back, Foinaven, was able to side-step the mayhem and jump into racing history.

O'Hehir's commentary went up several octaves as Buckingham pulled a few hundred yards clear, sufficient to eventually win by a distance, even though, quite legitimately, some riders re-mounted and attempted to chase Foinaven down.

David Owen has written a comprehensive account of the National's most unexpected winner, a combination of sporting and social history which could be an early contender for this year's sports book of the year.

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BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH: EASTLEIGH 1 HORNCHURCH 0

Watkins strikes to down 'Church

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

SUPER Sub Adam Watkins struck again as promotion hungry Eastleigh racked-up their third straight win at the Silverlake Stadium this afternoon beating AFC Hornchurch 1-0.

The Spitfires left it late but Watkins 83rd minute strike was enough to clinch them a mammoth win as the hunt for a Blue Square Bet South play-off continues.

Hornchurch forced the first corner on a sunny but cold and blustery afternoon, but Chris Bourne was well off-target as the ball came out to him on the edge of the area.

Apart from some neat foot work from Chris Zebroski and a Michael Green free-kick that went straight to keeper Joe Woolley, Eastleigh offered little early on.

The first incident of note was when Mitchell Nelson kicked the ball away after being unable to control a wayward Zebroski pass and was booked by referee Dave Woolford.

Despite some intricate passing, the final ball eluded Eastleigh until the 14th minute when Damian Scannell delivered a decent cross from the right.

Zebroski held off his marker and had a firm shot blocked by Woolley before Urchins' skipper Elliot Styles saw the ball behind for a corner.

Eastleigh forced a couple more corners as they fleeting found their rhythm, but they were having to work hard to make any headway against a well manned visiting defence.

Hornchurch's frontmen were seeing less and less of the ball and when Lewis Smith did create some space on the left of the area his shot was hopelessly off target.

On 25 minutes referee Woolford incensed Eastleigh by not only ignoring their penalty claims when Jai Reason looked to be bundled over inside the area, but booking Reason for diving.

After making his feelings crystal clear, Spitfires boss Richard Hill briefly disappeared down the tunnel to cool down, but came back just in time to see Hornchurch awarded a free-kick despite Alex Bentley's blatant shirt-pull on



ON THE ATTACK: Eastleigh's Chris Zebroski bursts into the penalty area.
Pic by Paul Collins

Zebroski. With Eastleigh's frustration getting the better of them, skipper Glen Southam's misplaced pass invited Bourne to burst down the left. But, having got the better of Nelson his low cross was capably dealt with by home keeper Ross Flitney.

As Hornchurch broke again, the lively Smith laid the ball back to Joey May on the edge of the box, but his weak shot drifted harmlessly wide.

On 35 minutes Reason forced a corner and as Zebroski rose to meet his inswinging delivery Hornchurch had to scramble the ball away from crowded six-yard area.

The visitors broke quickly and Smith unleashed a decent shot which only narrowly cleared the bar.

Eastleigh responded with a snatched shot over by Southam and a Zebroski effort which went

wide of Woolley's left-hand post.

Two minutes after the restart Zebroski was unlucky when his header from Scannell's deep delivery from the right bounced off the top of the bar and over.

And it wasn't long before the ex-Cheltenham markman went close again when, with the keeper off his line, he wasn't far away from lofting the ball into the far top corner.

But Hornchurch threatened between times when Smith flashed a superb ball across the face of goal which marginally eluded Bourne at the far post.

Eastleigh knocked the ball around patiently but lacked penetration until, with 68 minutes gone Scannell found Nelson whose thunderous low ball into the area was turned away for a corner at the far post.

Scannell and Zebroski set up a chance for Dale Binns on the left of the area, but his angled strike was

too high.

On 75 minutes Hill withdrew Binns and threw on Luton loanee Adam Watkins, who had struck twice as a Good Friday sub at Basingstoke.

Chris Todd fired over following a Southam corner and, with the Spitfires now encamped in the Hornchurch half, the Visitors' defences were finally broken in the 83rd minute by that man Watkins.

Nelson played the ball across from the right and there was Watkins to bury a sweet left-foot strike from just outside the area.

Hill quickly made another substitution, sacrificing Scannell for the extra defensive strength of Watkins' fellow Luton loanee Alex Lacey.

And, with a minute of normal time remaining, Craig McAllister replaced Reason as Eastleigh safely saw the game out for three price-less points.

Leaders are too hot for Totton

**AFC TOTTON 0
LEAMINGTON 2**

TOTTON were beaten at Testwood Stadium for only the third time this season as league leaders Leamington scored two first half goals.

The Stags went behind with less than 60 seconds on the clock when Richard Batchelor headed in from Stephan Morley's corner kick.

Midway through the half the visitors doubled their lead, Stefan Moore heading into the corner after Ricky Johnson's flick on.

Totton had a great opportunity to pull themselves back into the match just before the interval when Leamington skipper Jamie Hood handled in the area and was shown a red card, but Mike Gosney fired the spot kick against the bottom of the right hand post.

Despite the Stags' numerical advantage it was the visitors who continued to threaten after the break with Totton's efforts frustrated by a strong Leamington defence.

With the visitors content to sit on their lead the Stags went close with Richard Gillespie heading just wide on 75 minutes.

Borough's play-off bid is stalling

**HITCHIN TOWN 1
GOSPORT BOROUGH 0**

GOSPORT Borough slipped to a straight defeat against Hitchin as their Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division play-off hopes were dented at Topfields Stadium.

After two defeats over the Easter weekend Alex Pike's side travelled to Hertfordshire needing to get maximum points to stay in the play-off places.

It was a tight and tense affair but it was the top scorer John Frendo who vollied home a wonderful effort to secure the three points for the home side.

The first half saw few chances with Roy Williams' half volley hitting the side netting as neither side really threatened.

The second half followed a similar pattern until Frendo fantastically vollied home a Callum Donnelly corner.

The Borough were unable to fashion any clear chances, although both Dan Wooden and Jamie Brown created half chances at the death but it was not enough.



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Meet the Manager

CHAMBERLAYNE ATHLETIC

WHO ARE YA?

Name: Adam Smith.

Age: 27.

Where are you from:

Woolston.

Occupation:

Quantity surveyor.

Position in the club: Player manager.

Who do you support: Saints, of course

Favourite player:

Beckham, I met him and the bloke is brilliant.

Your best footballing moment (playing or watching): Getting Chamberlayne promoted from every league we have played in.

Best goal you have ever seen: Got to be Steven Gerrard's against Germany.

Ambitions for the club: Getting promoted this year and getting up the leagues.



ABOUT THE TEAM

Nickname: The Magpies.

Local pub: The Robin Hood in Sholing.

Team tightwad with the subs: Some players who we can't name never pay.

Ladies man: Adam Smith.

Can't hit a barn door: Lee Slade.

Worst haircut: Liam "Chesney" Fielder.

Club jester: Andy Fielder.

Club's dodgiest driver: Neil Simpkin - he has only just passed his test, so watch out.

Who owns the worst car and what is it? Jordan Freeman drives what is described as a weird combination of a Ford, Vauxhall and a Nissan.

HAMBLE UNITED

WHO ARE YA?

Name: Gary Stephen Curtis.

Age: 52.

Where are you from?:

Southampton.

Occupation: Senior warden with Southampton City Council.

Position in the club: Chairman and first team manager.

Who do you support?: Saints.

Favourite player: The legend that is Matt Le Tissier.

Your best footballing moment (playing or watching): When I started the club I was managing the under-15s and we won the league without dropping a point, scoring 158 goals and conceding only eight. We also beat our local rivals Itchen Tyro in the final of the Roy Wightman Cup.

Ambitions for the club: For the club to be one of the best and most successful youth and adult clubs in the area and get into the Hampshire League.



ABOUT THE TEAM

Local pub: We tend to go back to The Plough at the moment, that's because the lads are tight and they can get two meals for a tenner.

Team tightwad with the subs: Too many to mention.

Ladies man: The lads would say me, but that's because I chat with the girlfriends to make sure their fellas turn up for football.

Best haircut: Not a player, but one of their dads - John Staples thinks his Elvis but with a flat cap.

Worst haircut: Chris Sayce, Matt Royle and Jason Whaley - all chrome domes.

Club jester: Chris Sayce

Club's dodgiest driver: That would be my wife!

Who owns the worst car and what is it?: The one that stands out the most is James Harley's modified Honda Civic with custom paintwork. I hate to say it, but it's a good looking car that has been in several magazines.

WITH the rain and snow causing havoc with the Southampton Saturday League fixture list this season, many teams are finding themselves in the perilous position of having to play evening games and the dreaded double header.

Rather than two games of 90 minutes, the double header sees teams play two 60 minute games back-to-back, with six points up for grabs.

No one seems to like it - but it is a good way of catching up with lost fixtures.

Hamble United and Chamberlayne Athletic were two such teams in double header action last week and, with both sides in the Junior 2 promotion hunt, the six points on offer were a big incentive for them both.

It didn't take long for the first match to come to life as Chamberlayne were awarded a fifth minute penalty when Hamble defender Matt Curtis brought down Darren Nutbeen in the box.

Billy Cozens made no mistake from the spot.

Hamble fought back gamely, but lacked any real attacking threat, and it was Chamberlayne who looked more likely to add to their lead as their strike duo of Nutbeen and Cozens caused havoc in Hamble's defence.

Nutbeen almost made it 2-0 when he ran onto a scuffed cross but was denied by Chris Sayce.

Hamble finally threatened to score, through an unlikely source, left back Jason Whalley waltzed down the wing with a mazy dribble but fired a long-range drive just over the bar.

Hamble started to settle down and continued to dominate possession, but again Chamberlayne hit them on the break when Nutbeen forced Sayce into a smart save from a half volley.



LEFT: Billy Cozens scores from the spot for Chamberlayne and, above, the ball evades the Hamble defence for Chamberlayne's third goal.

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But Hamble managed a moment of quality of their own that could have changed the game.

Dan Roe latched onto a chipped through ball by Scott Knight, but Chamberlain keeper Russ Merritt was alert and saved the ball with his legs after flying out of his six yard box.

Then striker Jason Gibb almost equalised when he turned two defenders, but his 20-yard drive was

tipped around the right hand post.

The second half saw heavy challenges, a few choice words and tempers fraying and it all came to a head when Chamberlayne midfielder Rich Brown got wound up by Hamble's Scott Knight.

Both players threatened each other, but Brown decided to not let his anger get the better of him and walked off the pitch.

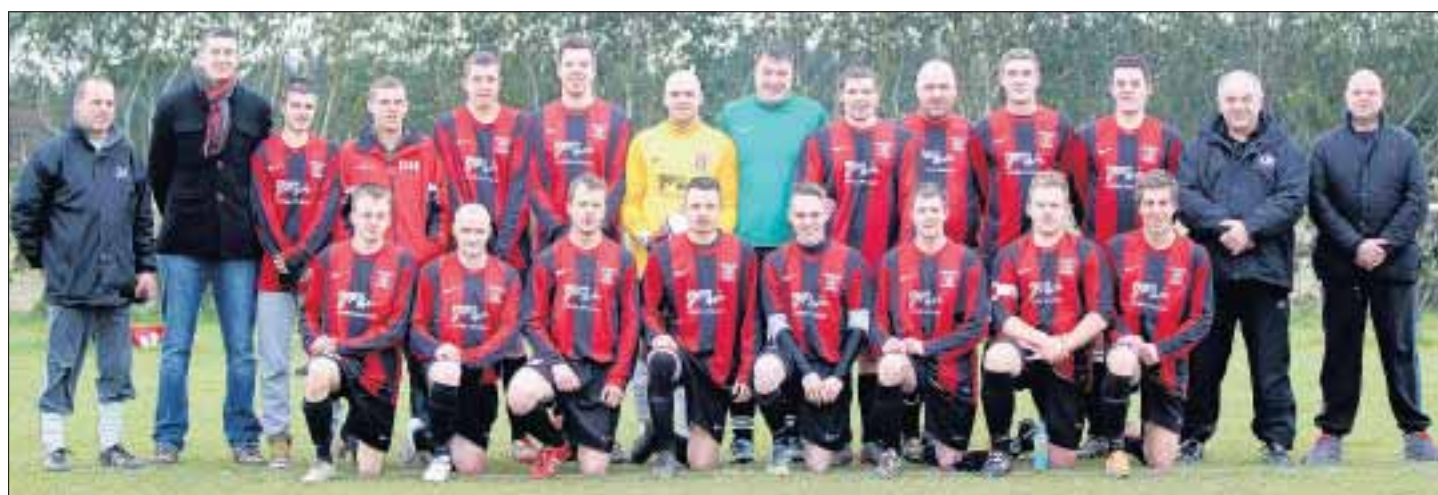
However, that wouldn't be the end



of it. According to referee Stephen Osborne, Brown had "displayed a threatening attitude" and was promptly shown a second yellow card.

To further muddy the waters, Brown was still able to play in the second leg of the double header - a situation many players disagree with.

But back to the game. Now buoyed by the one man advan-



HAMBLE UTD: Jason Harley, James Groves, Oliver Davies, Dan Harley, Ben Hunt, Paul Bathgate, Chris Sayce, Matt Merron, Scott Knight, Matt Royle, Dan Roe, Gary Curtis, Paul Bromley, Alfie Staples, Jason Whaley, Jason Gibb, Dan Gregory, Liam Gibson, Lee Portman, Matt Curtis and James Harley. Order no: 16157274

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S DOUBLE DELIGHT



RIGHT: Hamble's Jason Gibb gets one over a CHamberlayne defender.
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ABOVE: Hamble's Jason Gibb congratulates former teammate Billy Couzens after his successful penalty.
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LEFT: Dan Roe and Rich Brown battle for the ball.
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tage, Hamble pushed on in search of that all-important leveller but were soon chasing a lost cause when ten-man Chamberlayne scored a beautifully when Cozens nodded home a peach of a cross from Nutbeen.

The goal took the wind out of Hamble's sails and they conceded a third goal when Aaron Fielder laid the ball across the goal for substitute Tom Weller to stroke home into the corner to give them a 3-0 win.

Hamble had a chance to gain instant revenge with the second leg of the double header starting after a quick drink break.

However, the second game went the same way as the first, with Hamble unable to break down Chamberlayne's rugged defence.

Jason Gibb was at the centre of most of Hambles work, and he almost scored against his former teammates but smashed a shot wide

of the far post.

It woke Chamberlayne up and the Nutbeen and Cozens partnership struck again, Cozens squaring the ball across from the right wing after a strong run for Nutbeen to tap the ball home from five yards.

Both teams understandably tired in the second half and the only real moment of note was when Cozens ran on to a long goal kick and, after keeper and defender collided, put the

ball into an empty net to make it 2-0 and bag all six points for Chamberlayne.

As Chamberlayne walked off the field, one of their players said: "We have another of these double headers next week, can't wait."

Maybe some people do like these games after all...



CHAMBERLAYNE: Back row, left to right: Sporting director Mike Colborne, Callum Fielder, Andy Fielder, Billy Cozens, Ben Murphy, Aaron Fielder, Ross Merrit and manager Adam Smith. Front: mascot Brandon Coombes, Darren Nutbeen, Rich Brown, Ryan Stephenson, Liam Fielder and Jordan Sherlock. Order no: 16157267

Team Ratings

CHAMBERLAYNE ATHLETIC

ROSS MERRIT: Rated as one of the team's best signings, gaffer said he is the best goalkeeper they have had, privilege to play alongside 8

LIAM FIELDER: Played most of this season in defence and has been consistent in his performance making it difficult to play him anywhere else 8

NICK SIMKINS: Aka 'Mr Hollywood'. Suffered a bad injury in pre-season and is now just making his comeback 8

CALLUM FIELDER: Has grown as the season has progressed and has put in some big shifts in the middle of the park and does well when required at the back, despite moaning about it 7

RYAN STEPHENSON: Hates to lose, loves to moan. Likes to think of himself as a striker, especially after his hat-trick the last time Chamberlayne played Hamble 8

AARON FIELDER: Mr Versatile. The lad has played everywhere and always gives 100 per cent. Seems to love playing in goal the most though 7

ANDY FIELDER: Loves a tackle, but does mis-time them a bit too often. Prone to scoring one stunning strike a season and always brings his mascot to the match 8

DARREN NUTBEEN: On his day this lad plays like Man City's David Silva. He can unlock any defence 9

RICK BROWN: A big winter transfer for a player who can control any midfield. The red card let him down in an otherwise very good game 6

BILLY COZENS: Another big winter transfer for a striker that will give any defender a tough day. A real physical presence upfront, with a left foot that gets goals 9

BEN MURPHY: A promising young player and not afraid to hit one from distance 8

JORDAN SHERLOCK: Another young player who gets better every season. Looking like he may have settled in wide position. With a bit of confidence he could set the league on fire 8.5

TOM WELLER: Work commitments have restricted appearances. This player has the ability to score goals - when he plays 7

HAMBLE UNITED

CHRIS SAYCE: Keeper, DJ and entrepreneur, always up for a laugh 7

JASON WHALEY: Small on stature but with the heart of a lion and is as fast as the horses he trains 7

LIAM GIBSON: Quiet but hard working and always gives his best 7

JAMES HARLEY: One of the youngest and bravest never gives up 8

MATT ROYL: Big Matt is a hard as nails centre back built like the proverbial out house, a legend in the showers 6

MATT CURTIS: Skipper and tough centre back. Has a never-say-die attitude and leads from the front ... 7

PAUL BATHGATE: The club's oldest player. Centre midfielder who is strong, physical and terrorises referees and the opposition 6

SCOTT KNIGHT: An aggressive striker, who never scores sloppy goals. 7

JASON GIBB: Centre-midfielder quick footed reads the game really well. He wanted to score a bit too much at times 8

DAN ROE: An excellent crosser of the ball and has scored some excellent goals this season. Does have a habit of getting stressed if he does not see enough of the ball 7

LEE PORTMAN: Fast winger with a brilliant shot, who stepped up from the reserves and did a great job 8

BEN HUNT: Fast winger, totally committed and hard working. One of the nicest lads in the squad ... 7

OLIVER DAVIES: Intelligent footballer always finds the right pass 6

DAN HARLEY: Strong, committed player and has covered a number of positions for the club this season 7

SHAWN MURPHY: Reliable defender and great team player 7

MATT MERRON: Great keeper and is an excellent example to the youngsters he coaches 6

DAN GREGORY: Fresh back from injury played centre back. Excellent in the air 7

ALFIE STAPLES: Youngest player in the team, can use both feet and can whip in a great ball. Needs to bulk up a bit though 6

MATCH RATING: As a double header is classed as two separate games, I will judge it that way. The first game was more exciting in terms of goalmouth action and the red card, making it compulsive viewing 7/10
The second match was a bit of an anti-climax, hardly any chances to talk about but two goals and the odd moment of good play 4/10

MATCH HIGHLIGHT: The impressive Hamble strike pair of Darren Nutbeen and Billy Cozens. If Chamberlayne can keep this pair together, they will cause many teams problems.

MATCH LOWLIGHT: The obvious talking point from the match is whether someone who is red carded should be allowed to play in the second game, just half an hour after being shown the red. Of course, it's within the rules of double headers, but is a rule that left Hamble manager Gary Curtis bemused.

MEET THE REF

Name: Stephen Osborne
From: Fareham
Occupation: Warehouse distribution coordinator
Age: 24
How long has he been refing?: 6 years
What he loves about refing?: It's just a passion of mine and I really love the game of football, especially when it's played with the right attitude.
Referee rating: The penalty decision was spot on and the red card was deserved too. However, a few iffy tackles slipped under the radar 6.5/10



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The 1980s - reliving the era in team photographs

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NETLEY RESERVES, 1982: Back row (from left): S Smith (manager), T Warrener, T Wastie, C Queen, S Palmer, D Harrison, P Smith (trainer). Front: P Miles, G Duncom, R Poolton, G Sinclair, M Allen, N Cundick. Order no: 10008908



AWBRIDGE, April 1989. Back row: Martyn Fielding, Ian McDonagh, Iain Currie, Richard Long, Paul Legg, Gary Whitehorn, Derek Granger. Front: Mike Burgess, Curtis Wicks, Gary Snow, Steve Dovey, Jimmy Porteous, Mark Passingham. Order no: 9234427



BISHOPSTOKE SOCIAL, May 1989. Back row (l-r) Nigel Weston, Mark Evans, Dave Andrews, Steve Burgess, Ray Stelle, Jes Smith, Roy Joslin (secretary). Front: Dave Webb (player manager), Adie Holley, Nick Farmer, Mark Birch, Chris Fay, Paul Pitter, Mick Taylor, Leo Bianco. Mascot: Darren Weston. Order no: 9234491



ORDNANCE SURVEY, 1982: Back row (from left): G Smith (manager), J Gollogly, B Fisher, W Howells, N Taplin, D Wilkins, J Pierce, C Massal, D Freestone (assistant manager). Front: G Wills, M Gillingham, A Jurd, G Baker, G Cheeseman. Order no: 10008903



PEGASUS, 1983: Back row (from left): N Kimber (manager), S Morris, M Macnair, D Goddard, T Brown, R Baker, R Borlase, A Comer, B Oates (assistant manager). Front: J Cooney, D McMurdo, N Williamson, B Donnelley, G Davies. Order no: 10008912



AC DELCO, March 1987. Back row: Bob Clanfield, Paddy Bartlett, Pete Coady, Chris Baughan, Gary Adcock, Pete Schwodler, Alan Judd, Neil Doody, Brian French, Norman Hulse. Front: Malc Wilson, David Whiteman, Peter Walliss, Kevin Barnes, Steve Coady, Kevin Wicks, Paul Reeves, Basil Cassell. Order no: 9234119



AFC BADDESLEY, October 1988. Back row (l-r): Savage, Gardiner, Alexander, Dixon, M Hixon, S Downer, Hobbs, Hayler, Williams (coach), M Downer (manager). Front: Murray, Pullen, Nicholls, R Hixon, Potts, Bates, Norsan. Order no: 9234399

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EASTLEIGH RESERVES, 1981-82. Back row (l-r): S Jerrim (mascot), T Jerrim (trainer), M Bryns, C Renny, K Darnton (player-manager), D Harris, R Parsons, M Lagdon (assistant manager). Front (l-r): B Morgan, M Whitewick, N Budden, D Walker, L Painter, I Hallet, D Busson. Order no: 6275292



EASTLEIGH 1984-85. Back row (from left) D Donohoe, G Prior, M Falla, C Webb, S Blaxall, M Bevis, T Wheeler, P Rule, M Lagdon. Front B Joslin, M Richardson, A Pell, I Knight, R Sheehan, E Fitzhenry. Order no: 6275294



TOTTON RESERVES, 1983/84. Back row (l-r): G Cross, G Meyer, D Maiden, D Hookway, K Brady, C Huxford, D Foreman. Front (l-r): C Evans, J Martin, J Longmore, P Wilson, D Newman. Order no: 6275298



TOTTON FC, 1981-82. Back row (l-r): R Badley (assistant manager), G Meyer, R Deane, K Brady, K Guy, C Smith, S Slade, T Parker (manager). Front (l-r): J Keenan, N Bell, A Williams, D Hookway, T Smith, D Barnes. Order no: 6275305



TOTTON, August 1980. Back row (l-r): T Parker (manager), D Meehan, K Guy, S Lawford, D Hookway, G Meyer, C Smith, R Badley (assistant manager). Front (l-r): A Williams, D Barnes, D Maiden, J Keenan, N Bell, J Smith. Order no: 6275310



EASTLEIGH FC, 1984/85. Back row (l-r): P Young, G Prior, M Falla, M Bevis, H Godsell, C Webb, M Richardson, D Donohue (manager). Front (l-r): I Williamson, B Joslin, R Sheehan, A Lovell, N Budden, I Knight. Order no: 6275314



EASTLEIGH RESERVES, 1985/86. Back row (l-r): Martin White (committee), K Cooper, Terry, Rawlins, I Watson, E Harper, M Falla, N Gover, T Jerrim (trainer), D Sanders (manager). Front (l-r): S Grindy, H Goodsall, M Allen, K McCann, M Sanders, G Payne. Order no: 6275318



EASTLEIGH FC, 1983/84. Back row (l-r): D Donohoe (coach), P Rule (trainer), J Crabtree, P Page, S Chalk, B Joslin, S Blaxall, J Brown (manager). Front (l-r): D Miller, R Clarke, G Orchard, I Knight, D Husbands, C Glover, J Robson. Order no: 6275326

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TOTTON RESERVES 1985. Order no: 6447771



WINCHESTER CITY 1984. Order no: 6447784



WINCHESTER CITY 1980. Order no: 6447789



SHOLING RESERVES 1983. Order no: 6447794



WARREN SOCIAL, December 1981. Order no: 6447849



THE SUN INNN, ROMSEY, December 1988. Order no: 6468361



Hampshire Sunday Junior B Cup winners PERRINS YOUTH CLUB OLD BOYS, April 1980. Order no: 6540140



KANES HILL SCHOOL, May 1983. Order no: 6607713

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BRAISHFIELD, April 1989. Back row (left to right): Kevin Hoskins, Mark Page, Nick Merritt, Terry Whitlock, Paul Quarrell, Mike Hughes, Alan Fielding. Front row: Jim Lysandrides, Ali Smart, Graham Collins, Mark Stanton, Ira Hughes, Rob Gregory. Order no: 7295047



HAMPSHIRE BOYS CLUB, November 1987. Back (l-r): Bob Hallett, Russell Lane, Shaun Moss, Gareth Webb, Robert Huntley, Andrew Lean, Marc Belbin, Martin Rogers, Stephen Roche. Front: Lee Hall, Richard Winton, Russell Pooley, Roger Willoughby, Martin Wyeth, Neil McManus, Stephen Leatherdale. Order no: 7295079



BLACKFIELD, September 1987. Back row (left to right): J Hannon, D Richards, G Conway, A Wilson, M Caws, L Surman. Front row: M Reynard, D Painter, S White, M Smith, S Bundy. Order no: 7295095



BLACKFIELD, November 1986. Back (l-r): D Lightfoot (boss), P Pothagary, P Swainston, C Funnel, P Sueman, M Plonman, I Courtney, M Poore. Front: G Hadway, G Blake, L Silverman, E Linney, G Kerr, G Tregarthea. Order no: 7295127



BRADING, October 1989. Back (l-r): Michael Sibbick, Darren Abbott, Chris Stocker, Norman Lockie, John Batchelor, Mark Wetherick, Dave Vali, Eddie Hurst. Front: Mick Bolland, Shaun Ford, Dave Brown, Warren Greenhalgh, Lawrence Edmonston. Order no: 7295062



BROCKENHURST RESERVES, May 1983. Back (l-r): Phil Joyce (manager), Steve Sque, Mike Lewis, Neil Taylor, Steve Henry, Peter Richardson, Chris Loveridge, Martin Hall. Front: Malcolm Reynard, Graham Burton, John Ellis, Robin Bates, Davie Jones. Order no: 7295087



BRENDON, November 1989. Back row (left to right): J Dorward, G McRae, A Macey, G Rose, A Portelli, T Wardlaw, N Cocks. Front row: S McManus, M Kooner, M Sinclair, M Bradley, S Brockway. Order no: 7295122



CLUMP INN, December 1982. Back row (left to right): Ron Shaw (manager), Roy King, Pete Hadfield, Colin Rafferty, Trevor Wallbridge, Toby Hester, Jack Pryce (trainer). Front row: Chris Scott, Clive Richmond, Ray Sheehan, Tony Adams, Micky Pratt, Brian Payne. Order no: 7295144

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CLUMP INN, March 1984. Order no: 7295137



MAYFIELD SPORTS, April 1987. Back (L-R): D Beckett, J Clair, K Tyre, R Noyce, R Smith, C Welch, P Reeves, D Desmond, B Millington. Front (L-R): S Carr, P Saunders, G Murray, P Stafford, C Stretcher, P Connis. Order no: 8358956



AFC MARCHWOOD, January 1987. Back (L-R): T Holman, A Yeates, R Whetren, M Dear, B Rostell (manager), R Willington, J Edsall, D Sheath, I Shields (trainer). Front (L-R): M Vlose, B Leach, D Bolton, R Maynard. Order no: 8358755



EASTLEIGH SPARTANS, January 1989. Back (l-r): Les Hughes, Paul Gough (committee), Nigel Boyse, David Watton, Chris Taylor, Simon Mechen, Terry Parsons, David Worthy, David Newell, David Whitmore (manager), Terry Whitmore. Front: Andy Sanderson (asst manager), Neill Asher, Gary Cooper, Greg Cheeseborough, Nicky Burnett, Ron Clarke, Brian Cheeseborough. Order no: 8302826



BT MARINE, 1988. Back (from left) G Hemphill, J May, S White, J Doe, M Smith, F Vine, C Hutton (manager). Front: C Ott, D Holt, C Draper, I Dewhurst, S Bloomfield. Order no: 8226348



CHARTWELL GREEN, February 1989: Back row (l-r): K Cousens, Pat Rafferty, M Williams, Dave Hibberd, I Green, Malcolm Ambrose, S Prince-Wright, M Jannaway. Front: Mick Jennings (player-manager), Lee Jennings, Ashley Dawkins, S Atkinson, Peter Carroll, R Mathey, C Williams. (half the side are over 40). Order no: 8227931



CLASSIC WINDOWS, March 1986. Back row (l-r): T Mills, R Smith, A Bunny, T Bunny, G Joseph, A Atrill. Middle: K Watts, K McCarthy, K McClusky, D Bellows. Front: B Vine, S Vine, M Vine with mascot (Scott Mills), J Gorman, K Wyeth. Order no: 8244987



CME ENGINEERING, October 1987). Back row: N Harvey, J Worrow, M Pointer, M Dixon, R Rhodes, P Denney, J Sexton. Front: B Dandridge, K Henderson, S Pink, B Golden, R Saxby, R Campbell. Order no: 8245215

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MULLARDS, April 82. Back l to r - P Dunne (coach), R Beasley, P Mayfield (manager), A Cole, R Gerrard, J Cassell, B McGiven, D Chafe, D Hamilton. front: I Gregory, A Herd, T Rogers, C Moody, D Hurst, M Davies. Order no: 8640208



LOCKS HEATH, October 1987: Back row (left to right): C Edney, K Austen, J Manell, K Bell, S Harbour, M Gisburn, M Raey, T Sevegreen, D Ronser, B Cook. Front row: M Wackerley, G Westfield, S King, D Malmormack, P Castell. Order no: 7297542



ASHURST, September 1987. Order no: 7297583



NETLEY CENTRAL, February 1984. Order no: 7297597



FOLLANDS, February 1985. Back (l-r): Brian Buckley (jt manager), Les Davis (jt manager), Keith Bartlett, Arthur Chambers, Jimmy Smith, Kev Cluett, Pat Rafferty, Dave Hibberd, Ron Kemp (linesman), front: Martin Edwards, Gary Dearden, Pete Watts, Ray Eyre, Tim Middleton, Richie Campbell. Order no: 8314819



BASS ALTON, December 1989. Order no: 7297575



AMPFIELD, May 1989. Order no: 7297597



NETLEY CENTRAL, April 1989: Back (l-r): Derek Browning (trainer), Tony Hamilton, Terry Rawlins, Graham Bowers, Tony Kendal, Billy Beaney, Geoff Harrison, Gary Stray, Les Davis (manager). Front: Tony Joliffe, Sean Mallon, Jeff Foyle, Martin Edwards, Gary Doncom, AN Other. Order no: 7297618

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SHIRLEY, December 1987: Back (l-r): J Collinson (trainer), L Bridges (manager), R Stringer, A White, M Slack, A Donnarumma, M Allen, L Rankin, S Erskine (chairman), S Floyd Front: B Rook, A Davie, B Weeks, A Bow, D Baker, S Hutton, B Forder, P Boston. Order no: 7297642



RSC ROMA, 1988: Back (l-r): N Deacon (chairman), A Crabb, D Deacon, K Legg, S Bunn, J Bartrup, P Murray, E Mason (manager). Front: R Fripp, A Kimber, T Deacon, S Fripp, K James, D Cash. Order no: 7297651



HAMBLE, February 1989: Back (l-r): Alan Taylor, Andy Legg, Alan Graham, Andy Corbett, Colin Knapp, Mark Denton, Chris Lawrence, Nigel Shepherd, Angus Steele. Front: Brian Wesson, Gordon McKean, Keith Sherman, Nigel Connolley, Brian Godwin, Darren Yendall. Order no: 7297679



HAMBLE ATHLETIC, December 1989: Back row (left to right): Paul Smith, Martin Bridge, Alan Graham, Chris Lawrence, Kevin Hallett, Roy Wilkinson, Andy Legg, Mark Smith, Colin Williams (manager). Front row: Paul Spencer, Bryan Godwin, Wayne Ghosh, Darren Yendall, Dave Kimber. Order no: 7297685



HAMPSHIRE YOUTH, February 1989: Back (l-r): T King, S Smith, M Izquierdo, A Betteridge, R Evans, S Jeremiah, T Houghton, B Deighan, J Chewin, S Avery, D Jones. Front: D Clarke, A Coles, P Dadson, C Stacey, A Wheeler, D Kennedy, B Davies. Order no: 7297702



HAMBLE, February 1988: Back row (left to right): N Hamilton, C Rowe, D O'Connell, P Janes, T Gover, S Rankin, T Joyce, K Rowe, K Bayles, N Brown, K Batchelor. Order no: 7297732



HEARTS ROMSEY, October 1988: Back row (left to right): Screech, Cole, Laughland, Taplin, Blake, Gregory, Farr, Vincent, Ray Farr (manager). Front row: Callaghan, Todd, Marino, Hounsime, Ryan. Order no: 7297747



CHRISTCHURCH, December 1989: Back (left to right): Ian Rippington (manager), Gary Parrett, Peter Seabright, Dave Wilkins, Simon Jackson, Steve Hillyer, Pete Gardner, Dennis Old. Front: Steve Joyce, John Haynes, Tony Brown, Billy Bate, Mike Kearley, Mike Jackson, Graham Hill. Order no: 7297764

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VOSPERS SUNDAY, 1989. Back, left to right; Richie Phippard (manager) Terry Kitcher, Alan Price, Paul Doswell, Shaun Kitcher, Steve Henry, Andy Price, Paul Connin, Roger Farmiloe, Dave Carter, Jason Parker, Sean New; front; Andy J. Price, Stuart Watts, Dave Gibbs, Kevin McCann, Steve Stone, Micky Farmity. Order no: 9424081



PIRELLI GENERAL, 1989 Back row, left to right: Stuart Munro, Pete Hadfield, Graham Prior, John Turpitt, Gareth Messham, John Bateman, Dave Diaper, Alan Wheeler, Mick Cole, Morman White (chairmen); front: Eddie Baker (committee), George Black, Richie Weeks, Elliot Hayward, Sandy McNeill, Danny Millier (player manager). Order no: 9428698



NETLEY, 1984: Back row (from left): M Johnson, M Harrison, M Kill, S Gates, P Hickman, I Waterman, D Herding (manager). Front: M Bundy, A Dean, C Nutbeen, C Downer, A Fountain. Order no: 10008961



PIRELLI FC, 1984: Back row (from left): E Toms, S Gowans, R Lebrocq, N Sellick, R Webb, M Graham, B Clarke. Front: D Baker, M Rogers, D Beach, R Clarke, K Brackstone, M Geddes, N Banks. Order no: 10008951



OTTERBOURNE, 1986. Back row, left to right: M. Wilding, D. Diaper, A. Jurd, R. Webb, N. Banks, G. Hutching. Front row, left to right: S. Vickers, S. McNeill, L. Bowie, M. Brown, D. Morris. Order no: 9428737



ESSO FAWLEY, 1989: Back row (from left): Russel Maton, Dave Clapham, Harley Ware, Steve Bunday, Mark Hutchings, John Doe. Front: Neil Shanahan, Andy Parratt, Gary Galletley, Trevor Parratt, Tim Joy. Order no: 9837699



PIRELLI FC, 1980: Back row (from left): Mr Street (kit man), I Diver, R Lewis, R Morey, K McCann, I Hall. Front row: I Blake, R Chatting, I Street (player-manager), D Whightman, N Thomas, S Warn. Order no: 10008955



PORTALS, 1983: Back row (from left): A Jordan (manager), A Munt, I Hopkins, R Brown, J Guyatt, B Chaney, K Munt, M Critchell, R Hardman (secretary). Front: M Walsh, S Oates, A Overton, W Cameron, P Clift, S Williams. Order no: 10008949

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PORTALS, 1981: Back row (from left): B Chaney, K Munt, M Coleman, A Munt, J Guyatt, R Brown, I Hopkins. Front: M Walsh, S Oates, P Clift, T Davies, W Cameron, A Jordan (manager). Order no: 10008944



ORDNANCE SURVEY, 1986: Back row (from left): D Scott, J Pierce, T Smith, J Jackson, A Jurd, A Marks. Front: D Wilkins, N Anderson, G Wills, D Wilson, J Gollogly. Order no: 10008934



PARK SPORTS, 1984: Back row (from left): B Taylor, M Lemon, G Black, R Coope, G Fellous, K Snow, S Weller, N Mullman, S Boston. Front: B Needle, P Taylor, P Mansbridge, D Andrews, J Cooke. Order no: 10008927



PEARTREE FC, 1984: Back row (from left): J Paynter (manager), J Parker, S Sillett, S Perrin, J Caverhill, N Clay, B Street, N Paynter. Front: S Rands, C Harley, D Battle, T Hixon, M Reddin. Order no: 10008916



NETLEY ATHLETIC, 1980: Back row (from left): D Herding (joint manager), K Seely, P Remnant, N Jerrim, M Bellamy, G Wood, P Gray, M Kimber, T Leavey (joint manager). Front: J Goble, G Coupland, S Beck, J Doherty, E Sims. Order no: 10008937



PARK SPORTS, 1981: Back row (from left): B Needle, K Snow, P Collins, C Bruen, W Murray, K Scully, P Mansbridge, S Boston (manager). Front: T Azer, S Porter, G Black, T Snow, S Weller. Order no: 10008930



PEARTREE FC, 1981: Back row (from left): P Hixon (secretary), N Street, N Bowyer, J Paynter, R Hallam, B Rose, B Street, F Remnant (trainer). Front: E Richards, P Remnant, T Shrimpton, S Rands, S Sibley. Order no: 10008922



PEGASUS (1981): Back row (from left): K O'Connell (trainer), D McMurdo, K Stephenson, A Wright, D Goddard, B Donnelly, M Vine, A Comer, N Kimber (manager). Front: R Herring (secretary), N Williamson, B Goddard, J Hanafae, C Bugg, P Frost. Order no: 10008914

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CADNAM UNITED, January 1987: Premier Division. Back row (left to right): R Horne, N Payne, I Sinfeld, K Andrews, C Harley, S Farmery. Front row: M Lewis, M Mullian, R Smith, K Davis, G Pidgley. Order no: 7297775



ENICHEM SPORTS, October 1988. Back (l-r): C Homsey, A Cameron, R Thompson, C Hargreaves, M Dear, L Hall. Front: A John, S McGonagle, M McGill, G Baker, D Farr, S Nortzing. Order no: 8314870



LAMP AND MANTLE, September 1989. Back (L-R): C Smith, P Swift, M Ralph, D Todd, T Barfoot, T Dewey, T Smith, D Barfoot (manager). Front (L-R): M Upton, M Glasspool, D Bridges, A Wallace, D Keats. Order no: 8353340



KINVER, September 1987. Back (L-R): M Kimber, P Hamilton, A Huggins, S Gillingham, S Priest, G Sheath, F Tupper, D Gregory (chairman), D Forrest (secretary), C Chaston (manager). Front (L-R): M Clasby, B Dimmick, J Adam, B Smith, R Headington, G Isaac. Order no: 8353609



CLUB 82, January 1986. Back row (l-r): Keith Goodall, Paul Smith, Jeff Butcher, Adrian Gregory, Andre Burnett, Martin Lawrence, Darryl Cohen, Chris Page, Graham Wilins. Front: Mark Hutchings, Tim Kirkwood, Mark Birch, Mark Winter, Ken Pattinson (player/secretary), Gary Lebborn. Order no: 8245226



FAWLEY FALCONS December 1988. Back: Eric Beale, Mark Fitter, Anthony Pithers, Paul Eldridge, Tim Joy, Barry Roland, Mike Clifford (manager). Front: Darren Over, Vinny Jones, Ian Shrive, Stu Farrell, Dave Butler. Order no: 8314929



KNIGHTON ARMS, March 89. Back (L-R): Fielder, Witt, Tupper, Priest, Paddock, Husband, A Slack, S Jones, Hall, Davis (secretary), Swede, T Jones (manager), MacLachlan (treasurer). Front (L-R): Living, C Marchant, Emery, D Marchant, J Slack, Pell, Ely, R Curnow, Mascots A Curnow, D Slack. Order no: 8353594



HYTHE, September 1980. Back (L-R): J Clarke, N Shanahan, D Edwards, I Courtney, P Jesney, G Wheeler, I McGill. Front (L-R): K Murphy, P Williams, R Parsons, P Swainson, G Mitchell, E Linney. Order no: 8353766

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Harlandic, April 1983. Back (L-R): C Watts (manager), J Fry, R West, R Burrows, J Cole, M Rogers, K Porter, C Smith. Front (L-R): D Lanham, D Carr, R Noke, A Fountain, C Edmunds. Order no: 8353797



Gosport Borough, August 1989. Back (L-R): G Buck, T Stares, T Coak. Middle (L-R): A Lowman (manager), A Camp, A Callahan, G Llewellyn, K Finlay, Browning (physiotherapist). Front (L-R): D Lappage, G Juryeff, A Mahoney, D Brown, C Nicholls. Order no: 8354766



Michelmersh and Timsbury, December 1989. Back (L-R): K Norris, A Young, A Royle, G Martin, P Bush, I Bush. Front (L-R): E McManus, B McManus, D McManus, K Potheary (manager), K Kissuri, D Street. Order no: 8358991



MERCURY ROYALE, November 1989. Back (L-R): P Hawkins, J Kazi, N Mills, R Bowan, N Barnard, W Hawkins. Front (L-R): S Goodman, R Carrington, A Finlay, T Pike, G Hunt. Order no: 8359087



LAMP AND MANTLE, April 1989. Back (L-R): Coles, Dawkins, R Saitch, Hukse, Todd, Ralph, Smith, D Barfoot (manager). Front (L-R): M Saitch (mascot), Galletley, T Barfoot, Shearer, Hiscock, Holloway, Swift. Order no: 8359214



AFC MARINER, September 1987. Back (L-R): Mike Plowman, Marvin Farmer, Alan Switzer, Dominic O'Brien, Martin Sinclair, Richard Wakely. Front (L-R): Tony Steele, Dave Fire, Phil Swainston, Mark Blondell, Eddie Linney. Order no: 8359248



NETLEY VICS, September 1989. Back (L-R): Des Sawyer (chairman), Mark Kill, Mark Shiner, Glen Merritt, Phil Searles, Dean Lacey, Sean Webb (assistant manager). Front (L-R): Mark Alford, Graham Switzer, Jason Webb, Paul Bowers, Gary Lynch, Trevor Webb. Order no: 8359950



NETLEY CENTRAL, November 1989. Back (L-R): Chris Poolton (chairman), Peter Dulson (trainer), Pat Edghill, Andy Pell, Graham Bowers, Paul Allen, Richard Le Brocq, Ricky Poolton, Mick Riddle, Stewart Watts, Mark Dulson, Gerry Le Brocq (secretary). Front (L-R): Andy Smith, Tony Slack, Paul Smith (manager), Dave Armstrong (coach), Terry Rawlins (assistant manager), Pete Foster, Jimmy Smith, Paul Smith, Ricky Biles. Order no: 8360236

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MOWLEM 5-A-SIDE, October 1988. Back (L-R): Tony Wright, Tony Feeney, Paul Francis. Front (L-R): Steve Wheeler, Paul King, Kevin Jones. Order no: 8360433



OVERTON, October 1989. Back (from left) Alex Walker (manager), Terry Brown, Les Watts, Dennis Bray, Stuart Savory, Andy Rashbrook, Gary Gibbons; front: Jimmy Fletcher, Brian Benham, Gary Doran, Dave Shoosmith, Neil Higgins. Order no: 8639755



LYMINGTON TOWN, 1980. Back (from left): Paul Funnel, John Williamson, Eddy White, Steve Crook, Clive Shelley and Fred Paul-Richey. Front: Pete Schwodler, Steve Blake, Barry Hallett, Geoff Woodford, Alan Farran, Dick Kittle. Order no: 9024005



LYMINGTON F.C., 1983. Order no: 9024067



OLD SIMMARIANS, September 87. Back l to r: J Pinnick (manager), M Sherry, R Swain, J Barltrop, D Wagner, N Pinnick, S Sherry, D Sherry, P Burke (sponsor); front: S Cannon, D Anderton, B Rook, D Byles, G Hall, R Elliott. Order no: 8639404



POLYGON, January 1988. Back (from left) A Stockbridge, D Carter, D Thomas, S Phillips, I Delves, B Roberts; front: M Kooner, J Beesley, J Kooner, J Gosling, W Brown, A Edwards, A Kimber (manager). Order no: 8640384



AZTECS, 1986. Order no: 9024024



CLUMP INN, 1988. Order no: 9024101

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LORD NELSON F.C., 1988. Order no: 9024125



BASS, April 1983. Back (from left): John Tigwell, Richard Reed, Trevor Hunt, Travis Cook, Mark Curran, Gavin May, Mark Lewis, Bob Beale. Front: Ivor Powell, Kevin Brookes, Doug Atchison, Graham Jones, Dave Hawtin, Paul Bennett. Order no: 9024158



NEWPORT ISLE OF WIGHT, July 1982. Back (from left): M. Tuck, D. Warrick, P. Buckley, C. Cheverton, D. Hillman, I. Hailes. Front: N. Wheeler, D. Ohren, M. Gree, M. Watson, L. Phillips, L. Rayner. Order no: 9024183



HYTHE, October 1981. Back (from left): G. Kerr, E. Corlett, M. Pick, D. Drummord, S. Stores, A. Sirden, J. Leonard. Front: M. Garner, M. Stevens, T. Bradley, N. Minton, S. Crooks. Order no: 9024610



PERBURY SPORTS, December 1983. Back (from left): R. Barnes, D. Robertson, M. Briant, M. Bromelow, B. Ball, M. Dunford, P. Gillings, S. Parsons. Front: I. Dewhurst, T. Davies, S. Leigh, P. Wragg, C. Hurst. Order no: 9024629



B.A.T., January 1983. Back (from left): Tony Janaway, Richard Fiebelkorn, Mike Webb, Ron Hastings, Chris Draper, Steve Lawford, Terry Green, Chris Webb. Front: Gary Elgar, Paul Harrison, Brian Payne, Dave Gibbs, Nigel Gover, Paul Richards. Order no: 9024653



PORTSWOOD HAULAGE, March 1986. Back (from left) AK Harris, I Sinfeld, R Ayre, R Harris (mgr), R Brown, C Otty, S Martin, M Wort, C Sayer; front; A Harris, K Young, G Shrimpton, T Ruddock, G Ralsbeck. Order no: 8640435



ROMSEY TOWN RESERVES, March 1988: Back (l-r) Maurice Brown (manager), Mike Edom (asst manager), Steve Jones, Peter Taylor, John Sorrell, Stuart Long, John Hicks, Mark Coffin, Ron May (trainer). Front: Mark Jones, Steve Chandler, Trevor Lamb, Alan Jones, Paul Jones, Wayne Chafe. Mascor - Chris Beales. Order no: 8679866

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WESTON PARK SCHOOL under 16, December 1984. Order no: 6609687



GLEN CONNOR
1980/81: Back (from left): G Gentry, T Bligh, S Henley, S Lucks. Front: A Hallett, G Bowles, M Tyrell.
Order no: 6569750



DAC EDWARDIAN RESERVES, March 1988: Junior Division 1. Back row (left to right): S Price, M Dugdale, M Spencer, D Roberts, G Holmes, A McKenzie, B Fielder. Front row: K Burgh, R Sproson, J Paul, A Aldridge, K Foley, R Jarvis. Order no: 7293391



SWALLOWS, March 1989: Back (l-r): Earis (manager) Green, J Bundy, Spiteri, Kneller, Sculard, Nicholas, M Winter (secretary), House (physio), Foley, A Bunday. Front: Smith, Andrade, Balcombe, P Bundy, Harvey, Farminer, Foster, R Winter & Hoare (directors). Order no: 7293381



COMMERCIAL HOUSE LEAGUE SWALLOWS winning the P&O Ferries Cup, April 1988. Order no: 6622908



SHOLING, April 1983. Order no: 6650845



EASTLEIGH BOYS CLUB, January 1988: Back (l-r): Garry Rogers (manager), Leon Nunn, Mick Goater, Graham Goater, Mark Jenkins, Jim Jerram, Malcolm Hunt, Chris Reeves, Trevor Cox (assistant manager). Front: Mark Stickley, Barry Garner, Pete Shore, Graham Bell, Pete Murray, Neil Thomas, Trevor Hills, Alf Rogers (trainer). Order no: 7293408



DIBDEN METROS YOUTH, October 1989: Back (l-r): Darren Cooper, Matthew Liddon, Craig Sargent, Darren Harvey, Andrew Reynolds, Neil Maidment, Ben White. Front row: Darren Yorston, Mathew Bracher, Mark James, Lee Connor, Phillip Dyer, Michael Croucher. Order no: 7293427

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DCI, April 1987. Order no: 7293436



COMPTON, March 1987. Order no: 7293445



WINCHESTER CITY, October 1989: Back row (left to right): D Gibson (trainer), P Orchard (manager), S Chard, D Simonds, S Whitcher, C Bell, J Childs, T Smith, G Day. Front row: G Farrington, P Goodenough, S Dye, G Orhcard, K Tugwell, M Nicholas. Order no: 7293454



WINNING POST, November 1989: Back row (left to right): Owen Walker, Dave Barry, Chris Little, Mark Vine, Jimmy Docherty, Dave Floyd, Kev Morris, Bill Anderson. Front: Tony Butler, Dave Morris, Dave Carr, Alan Lendon, Steve Symes, Dean Brenton. Order no: 7293495



HAREFIELD, November 1988. Back row (left to right): Smith (manager), Dalley (assistant manager), T Ramsey, Camfield, Thorne, P Ramsey, Brown, Vine, Flooks, Harrington. Front row: Taylor, Fitzgerald, Harder, F Ramsey, James, Wood. Order no: 7293506



ISL MIDANBURY, February 1986: Back row (left to right): B O'Hare, M Jerram, S Floyd, P Fenner, D Harris, C Bunclarke, B Austin (manager). Front: W Talks, D Duer, S Palmer, N Hanley, T Jackson, T Brown. Order no: 7293522



ISL MIDANBURY, November 1984: Back (l-r): R Cook, S Floyd, T Weldon, M Jerram, D Jolly, K Asher, D Harris, J Wilson, C Procter, B Austin. Front: J Kelloway, C Bunclark, N Handley, S Palmer, S Lucas. Order no: 7293530



BRENDON, January 1989. Order no: 7295036

1980s FOOTBALL TEAM PICTURE SPECIAL



SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLS U15, October 1982. Back (from left): K Jennings, M Phillips, S Emerson, S Devoy, S Watts, S Ritchie, L Cobb, J Briscoe, P Brown, A Phippard. Front: R Emery, R Carroll, D Foreman, M Blake, F Benali, T Lyons, A Harris. Order no: 11079155



SOUTHAMPTON BOYS Under-15, Nov 1986. Back (from left): Mark Grice, Steve Tonner, Bobby Davies, Neil Dorman, Robin Sanford, Ally Bennett, Neil Good, Stuart Tew. Front: Elliott Costick, Ian Bush, Matthew Lavers, Steve Kennedy, Danny O'Brien, Simon Foreman, Darren Anderton, Ian Still, Paul Trevett. Order no: 11079156



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS U13, May 1983. Back (from left): Richard Bonds, Phil Southcott, Darren Clay, Steven Squibb, Darren Biggs, Andrew Long, David Monteane, Lee Page, Anthony Read. Front: Andrew Smith, Peter Bush, Mark Donohue, Gary Strong, Leroy Whale, Philip Carroll, Chris Wilkinson. Order no: 11079173



SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLBOYS, October 1980. Back (from left): John Gatlery, Rowen Smith, Simon Martin, Iain Heath, Mark Seward, Martin Lambert, Dean Beckett, Graham Walsh, Jimmy Harris. Front: David Fear, Paul Vincent, Tony Hamilton, Tony Slack, John Wilson, Darren Cummins, Jack Insch. Order no: 11079211



COLDEN COMMON, November 1989. Back; Keith Tollervey (mgr), Dave Hadfield (a/m), Steve Smith, Steve Waters, John Shead, Stuart Grubb, Steve Mills, Steve Franklin, Nigel Light (trainer); front; Dave Andrews, Andy Kirby, Clive Kimber, Clive Eyre, Barry Cox, Steve Blaxall. Order no: 11571051.



EAST BOLDRE RESERVES, March 1988. Back: R Williams, J Bowman, N Hill, C Martin, S Harvey (capt), M Kitcher; front; M Harding, M McColdrick, D Rossieu, G Ashman, C Whitlock, S Cross. Order no: 11571109.



CONCORDE, December 1989. Back; Brian Kingsnorth (chairman), Eric Sims, Paul Merrell, Gary Swift, Kevin Palmer, Mark Collis, Peter Schwodler, Derek Manser, Pete Campbell (mgr); front; Phil Birks, Steve Beck, Brian French, Darren Andrews, Neil Doody, Simon Stirrett. Order no: 11571053.



EAST COWES VICS, December 1986. Back; Callum McInnes, Steve Greening, John Watson, Doug Stephens, Mark Deacon, Paul Woodford, John Hazell; front; Mark Hutton, Alan Reed, Smom Moore, Andrew Watson, Tony Blow, Gareth Williams. Order no: 11571105

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REVENGE FOR TOWN

VERWOOD Town gained sweet revenge over Sydenhams Premier rivals Christchurch on Easter Monday.

Having been mauled 7-4 by Priory at Hurn Bridge last month, the Potters won their stripes back with a 2-1 win at Potterne Park.

Fit-again duo Nathan Saxby and Jack Satterley were the Verwood heroes, with Ben Osborne replying for Christchurch.

Just two days earlier Verwood boss Adie Arnold had slammed his team's performance after their 0-0 stalemate at Lymington Town, branding it a "shocking advert for Wessex Premier football".

Christchurch, in contrast, had pulled off a tremendous 3-0 victory over Moneyfields at Dover Road.

All three goals – from Osborne (2) and AFC Bournemouth prospect Harry Cornick – were scored in the first half against a Moneys side sorely missing the cutting edge of strikers Steve Hutchings (suspended) and Warren Hunt (injured).

But the Copnor outfit also had a Jekyll & Hyde Easter, bouncing back to crush Hordean 5-1 at Five Heads Park on Monday. Two-goal ex-Saint Bobby Scott led the scoring.

New in for Moneys is frontman Jay Ripiner, formerly of AFC Portchester.

REECE JOINS FGR

ONE-TIME Eastleigh target Reece Connolly has joined Blue Square Bet Premier outfit Forest Green Rovers on loan from Farnborough.

The 21-year-old has scored 32 goals in 61 appearances for Farnborough over the past two seasons – most of them on loan from Aldershot Town.

Eastleigh boss Richard Hill did his best to sign the 21-year-old last December having previously known him from their time together at Didcot Town.

But Connolly opted to stick with Farnborough, who secured a permanent deal for his services for an undisclosed fee.

FGR boss Dave Hockaday, a former Saints coach, said: "We've been looking at Reece for a while. He's a big, strong lad and he's been banging in the goals for Farnborough."

Connolly, who scored on his debut in Green's 2-0 win at Ebbsfleet last Saturday, replaces FGR striker Ben Wright who has joined BSB Premier rivals Braintree Town on loan to regain match fitness.

The 24-year-old former Basingstoke Town frontman, who had spells on loan with Winchester City and Andover as a youngster, was out injured from October to mid-February and needs games.

Wright is a former Braintree player and Hockaday said: "He knows the club and he's comfortable there. Should we feature in the play-offs, he'll be available and should be match fit."

Andrews steps down from Street hot seat

SYDENHAMS One outfit Andover New Street are in the hunt for a first-team manager again following Phil Andrews' decision to step down.

The club announced that Andrews had handed in his resignation on Wednesday, although he will continue to look after the side for the final few games of the season.

Both parties were at length to stress that the manager, who took over last summer following the departure of Brian Drury, had made the

decision for family reasons and Andrews has already stated that he will be available to help out at the club whenever he can in the future.

Chairman Martin Tobin said: "We fully understand Phil's position and the club would like to thank him for all he has done this season.

Despite the league position (14th) he has brought stability to Andover New Street FC and has done a really great job."

This was Andrews' first

managerial position having been forced to retire due to a knee injury which put an end to his playing career.

He had a four-year spell as a professional with Brighton & Hove Albion, where he made more than 30 appearances.

The 36-year-old, pictured, also played for Bashley, Weymouth and Dorchester Town before joining home town club

Andover FC.

More recently he was on the coaching staff at the Portway Stadium, resigning along with Andy Leader and Andy Darnton after what proved to be Andover's final game in 2011.

"I have been in football for 20 years and need time out," said Andrews. "My boys are seven and five and they have started playing now."

"My dad gave up a lot to help me when I was a kid and I want to do the same for mine."

"I have enjoyed every minute of it this season, despite the results. Next season I shan't be cutting any ties and may well be able to help out here and there at the club."

"I decided to let everyone know now rather than wait until July so the club can have plenty of time to get somebody in."

Andrews works for a

timber company less than a goal kick away from Foxcote Park.

With promotion has come more responsibility, making it impossible to fully commit to the club as he has done this season.

However, he has not ruled out the possibility of a return to management in the future should circumstances change.

The club ask interested parties to contact them, in confidence, on andovernewstreetfc@hotmail.co.uk



Division 1's promotion race going to the wire

TEAM Solent boss Dominic Cunliffe declared himself thrilled with the 2-1 win at bottom side Hythe & Dibden last Saturday – but insisted his team should have scored more.

Goals from Sean Bartlett and Rafael Costa sandwiched a Wayne O'Dell equaliser for Hythe as the Students continued their quest for promotion from Sydenhams One, writes GARY PETERS.

Cunliffe said a dominant second-half display should have produced a greater return in front of goal.

"The first half was evenly matched. It was a windy day and Hythe scored a good goal, although I'd argue it was sloppy defending from us," he said.

"In the second half, we hit the post, the bar, their 'keeper made some good saves and we missed the target."

"To be fair to Hythe and their manager Lee Burch, he's taken on a monumental task, but he has signed new players and some of those look



MAN IN CHARGE: Team Solent boss Dominic Cunliffe conducts his side.

decent. We should have scored more, but I was happy with the three points."

Cunliffe's disappointment is

understandable given that, going into today's matches, Solent sat second with a goal difference of +25 compared to league leaders

Brockenhurst's +37. Despite this, he is wary of not paying attention to the challenges posed by Whitchurch United, who were one point behind in third, and Cowes Sports and Petersfield Town.

He said: "I think Brock will win the league. John Pyatt has some good players."

"But, it's Whitchurch we've got to be careful of now."

"They have to play Brock (last game of the season), but any one from the top five could get the promotion places as you can't rule out Petersfield. It's going to be pretty tense."

Solent's recent run of four wins in five matches has edged them closer to Cunliffe's pre-season target of 60 points and he is confident that can now be beaten.

He added: "I think we will surpass that in our last five games with the way we're playing."

"The lads were jubilant after the game on Saturday. We set a target to get the three points and got them. We're on a good run and the team is buoyant."

JOHN Pyatt hailed Brockenhurst's 1-0 win over Laverstock & Ford on Tuesday as "a great result".

It edged the New Forest club back to the top of the Sydenhams One table on goal difference from Team Solent – with three games in hand, writes GARY PETERS.

The match at Grigg Lane was Brock's 22nd of the season, and the three points were secured after Declan Edwards fired home in the 13th minute on

BROCK STAY IN THE HUNT

a hard-fought night.

Manager Pyatt said: "It was a great result. We spoke after the game and told the lads just how important it was. We ground it out."

"Our plan was to get the ball out wide early on and into the box as fast as we could. We wanted to penetrate from the flanks because that's where we are most dangerous."

"We had to work really

hard and we battled and battled. Every game for us is a cup final. One lapse of concentration can let someone in, especially all the time it's 1-0 or 0-0. Their goalkeeper had a blinder and made three world class saves. If they go in it's a different story."

The win was Brock's third on the bounce in the league and 17th overall. And, in a season which has seen them lose just four

matches, Pyatt believes the success has come from lots of hard work.

"We've tried to do it on the training field, and we've really pushed it," he explained. "The lads are mentally right and we've spoken about keeping focussed. Overall the concentration levels are good."

"The players have to believe in what they're doing and keep their feet on the ground. We need to go

again this weekend and keep going."

According to Pyatt, it is also important for his players to ignore what is happening around them, and put all their efforts towards their own aims for the season.

He added: "We're not too worried about what's around us. It's down to us and what we do."

"When you start to think about what other people are doing you lose percentages off your own concentration levels."

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DROUGHT'S OVER FOR JENKIN...

IT'S been a long time coming, but Nicky 'Lombardo' Jenkin has finally scored a first-team goal for Totton & Eling.

Jenkin – brother of first-team regular Steve – has been in and around the first-team scene for years.

But it wasn't until Easter Monday's 4-1 Sydenhams Premier victory at Romsey Town that he finally etched his name on the score-sheet.

The 82nd-minute goal was well worth the wait.

With the Millers already 3-1 up through Steve Marwood, Terry Cox and Jon Brock (penalty), Jenkin met Conor Thorne's cross with a sweet 25-yard volley that ex-Juventus and Sampdoria star Attilio Lombardo would have been proud of.

"We call him Lombardo because he's bald!" laughed T&E's director of football Andy Tipp.

"Nick's been at the club since the old BAT days. He plays cricket for the club as well, so he's a proper Totton & Eling boy."

"Last year he was injured for virtually the whole season so he didn't feature much. His best season was when we won promotion to the Wessex Premier, but he's had loads of injuries since then."

"He's scored for the reserves before, but never for the first-team."

After having their five-match victory streak stopped 2-1 at home by Downton last Saturday, T&E were quickly back to winning ways at the Bypass Ground.

The only pity was that co-manager Stuart Hussey was not there to see it.

"Stu was away, but (co-manager)



ACTION: Main pic and above, Totton and Eling take on Downton in last weekend's Sydenhams Premier clash.



Matt Hussey was there along with Iain Calder, who's now our coach," Tipp explained.

"Iain's still going to play and went on as a sub at Romsey, but he's mainly going to be on the coaching side."

"Tony Feeney had been helping out, but he's stepped down so he can watch Craig (his son) playing for AFC Totton."

The Hussey brothers have certainly made an impact since taking over the reins from Kev Dawtry in mid-February.

"Matt and Stu have brought a new impetus to the club and next season should be good," said Tipp.

"They know a lot of people in the area and will attract players in."

"As long as we can do as well off the pitch as we're doing on it, the signs are good."

Steve Jenkin had put T&E ahead against Downton only for Danny Western and substitute Nic Turpin to hit back.

"Totton had won their five games before that, including beating Bemerton, so it was a very good

win," said Robins boss Jeff Softley.

Downton followed up with a 0-0 draw against neighbours Bemerton at Wick Lane on Easter Monday.

The Harlequins had the better of the chances with Danny Young, Seb Dawes and Graham Mankin all guilty of misses before Jack Slade was denied by Ben Smith's goalline clearance and Kane O'Keefe hit the post.

Downton's best chance came when Turpin lobbed Heath 'keeper Grant Porter, but his shot cleared the bar.

Lyndhurst are fighting on two fronts

LYNDHURST FC made it an Easter to remember with two priceless wins in league and cup.

Last Saturday they came back from behind to beat Infinity 6-2 in the TrophyMan Cup semi-final and on Monday they narrowed the gap on Magnata Care Hampshire League 2004 leaders Forest Town to three points with a 1-0 revenge win at Wellands Road.

Lyndhurst fell a goal down against Infinity with just seven minutes gone,

but Andy Longland levelled five minutes later.

Both teams had a goal disallowed before Lyndhurst seized control with another Longland goal and two from Ash Baddams – his first a peach of a rising, right-foot strike across the 'keeper into the top corner.

Not to be outdone, man-of-the-match Longland completed his hat-trick 15 minutes into the second half with a superb solo run and finish.

Longland netted his fourth – and Lyndhurst's

sixth – ten minutes later before Shaun New doubled Infinity's tally with an own goal.

The TrophyMan final has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 (7.30pm) at Follands Park, Hamble, and pits Lyndhurst against Upham, who pipped Forest Town 2-1 after extra-time courtesy of two-goal Stuart Crease.

Having lost 2-1 away to Forest Town in the league at Gang Warilyn in January, Lyndhurst were in the mood for revenge on

Monday.

But, having had what looked a perfectly good Baddams goal disallowed in the first half, they were still drawing 0-0 at half-time.

It stayed that way for much of the second half until Lyndhurst threw caution to the wind, went three at the back and introduced 18-year-old forward Josh Chapman for his debut in the 80th minute.

As the game entered stoppage time the youngster had a goal-bound drive turned off the line for a cor-

ner.

The resulting flag-kick was only half cleared and, when the ball came back into the box, Chapman escaped the attention of the Forest Town defenders and headed home from close range to seal a famous 1-0 victory.

The result left Lyndhurst three points adrift of the leaders with two games in hand.

The pair have still to meet twice in the league – starting today (April 6) at Wellands Road.

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AWARD BOOSTS LEE

WINNING the manager-of-the-month award is usually the kiss of death – but not for Havant & Waterlooville boss Lee Bradbury.

Having picked up the award for March, Bradbury led the Hawks to a resounding 4-1 victory at Hayes & Yeading on Easter Monday – just three days after their 1-0 Good Friday success at home to Truro City.

In a double coup for Havant, striker Ollie Palmer was also named player-of-the-month for March.

And the award clearly didn't put a curse on him either as the Blue Square Bet South's leading marksman plundered his third hat-trick of 2013 against Hayes.

"It's nice to get the award, but really it represents the hard work put in by everyone at the club," said former AFC Bournemouth boss Bradbury, 37. "I'm not really superstitious. You make your own luck in football by continuing to do the right things."

The Hawks' Easter double extended their unbeaten run to ten league games, leaving them just four points outside the play-off zone. They have, however, played two games more than seventh-placed Hampshire rivals Eastleigh who were two points better off going into today's round of games.

● Havant are hosting an evening with popular football commentator John Motson at The Westleigh (next to the ground) on Thursday, April 18. Tickets are £7.50.

RILEY'S ON TARGET

AFC TOTTON boss Steve Riley masterminded a dramatic turnaround in Paul Gazzard's testimonial match on Wednesday – and got his name on the scoresheet to boot!

Riley was back at his old Bashley Road stamping ground to take charge of a Bashley Legends team against a Lymington & New Milton XI to celebrate Gazzard's ten years with the New Forest club.

And the man who piloted Bash to the 2006/07 Southern One South & West title showed he still had the magic touch, bringing his old club back from 3-2 down for a stunning 7-3 victory.

"It was a special night for Paul Gazzard," said Riley. "(Goalkeeper) Stewart Kearn did a great glossy match programme signed by all the players and we had a collection for Gaz and gave him a 'Captain Marvel' framed photo."

"There were over 100 people there, including family and friends, and it was a great night."

With his side trailing at the break, Riley made some half-time changes and sent himself on as a substitute.

"Riley brings himself off the bench and he scores with a left-foot volley past Stewart Kearn from the edge of the box!" he laughed.

"Mind you, the pick of the goals was from Chris Ferrett (Riley's assistant manager at Totton) who curled a 25-yarder into the top corner."

"And Gaz scored with a controversial penalty. The first attempt was saved, but we told the ref all the players were in the box, so he had to re-take it!"

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INJURY NIGHTMARE

EX-SAINT Josh Dutton-Black's injury nightmare is coming to an end.

The winger, who plays for North Leigh in the Southern One South & West, has been sidelined since November with the recurrence of a knee problem.

But he recently came through a reserve game unscathed and was expected to return to first-team action this week.

"Due to injuries Josh has played only three games in the last two years," said North Leigh boss Mark Gee.

"We can't push him, but to get him back involved in games would be brilliant."

Oxford-born Dutton-Black, 25, began his career as a youth player at Oxford United and made the switch to Southampton after a successful trial in 2003/04.

Following his release from St Mary's he had spells with Salisbury, Kidderminster Harriers, Eastleigh, Bognor Regis, AFC Totton and Didcot Town. He joined North Leigh in 2010/11.

FINAL DATE SWITCH

THE date of the Russell Cotes Cup final has been put back to Thursday, May 9 (7.45pm) at Gosport Borough's Privett Park.

Having seen off Christchurch at the semi-final stage, Alex Pike's Southern Premier high-flyers will entertain another Sydenhams Premier side, Lymington Town, in the final.

DOSWELL SIGNS ALI

EX-EASTLEIGH boss Paul Doswell has signed defensive midfielder Ali Fuseini from Blue Square Bet South rivals Bromley on a contract until the end of the season.

Fuseini had the briefest of spells at Eastleigh last term, playing just one game before mysteriously going missing.

It transpired he had been handed a ten-week prison term having twice been caught driving while disqualified.

Welcoming the ex-Millwall midfielder to Gander Green Lane, Doswell said: "Ali was one we had targeted for the summer, but when he was made available earlier we decided it was too good an opportunity to miss."

"He wanted to get back to morning training and, if he does well with us, there's always the chance of him going back to the Football League."

ALTON GET CHEWINS

FORMER Aldershot, Basingstoke and Havant & Waterlooville full-back Jason Chewins has registered for Sydenhams Premier club Alton Town.

Chewins, 42, spent ten years with the Shots, making a record-setting 488 appearance before bowing out when the then Conference outfit went full-time in 2004.

He signed for Havant the following season, making 43 appearances for Hawks and finishing second in the supporters' player-of-the-season awards. The popular left-back previously signed for Alton in 2007.

Pike advised to "keep his oar out"

AFC TOTTON chairman Paul Wallace says Gosport Borough boss Alex Pike should "keep his oar out" of the Stags' business.

The Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division club had been doing their best to keep their financial problems in-house.

But, bizarrely, it was Pike who let the cat out

of the bag during a radio interview which followed his side's 3-2 Easter Monday defeat at the Testwood Stadium.

Pike spoke of his admiration for AFC Totton and their manager Steve Riley in light of what was happening behind the scenes at the club.

He said there had been

a "massive (Totton) players' meeting" before the game and that it "looked like they were going on strike at one stage because they hadn't been paid for 12 weeks."

Pike added: "What Totton did today, I take my hat off to them, they were superb. They did the club proud."

Pike's comments left

Totton with no option but to come clean about their problems with chairman Wallace confirming in a statement earlier this week that "squad wages have been delayed" and that the club were, like many others, "struggling to hold things together financially."

Ironically, it was not so

long ago that Gosport themselves fell behind with players' wages – a situation they quickly remedied.

And the feeling around Testwood Park is that it was out of order for Pike to comment on Totton's situation when the club themselves had not even spoken publicly about it. "I'd like to thank Alex

Pike for sticking his oar into our financial business and I'd like to think he'd have been similarly grateful had Steve Riley and I commented on the financial situation at Gosport," said Wallace.

"He should stick to running Gosport and leave AFC Totton to the people who care about the club."

Stags hope to see off money worries

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AFC TOTTON have admitted they have serious financial problems.

But chairman Paul Wallace is hopeful a solution will be found that will not only stop the current rot but push the club onwards and upwards into the Blue Square Bet South.

Currently run as a members' club, Totton are in discussions with potential outside investors "with a view to moving the club forward".

Wallace was not in a position to divulge details this week but hinted that more would become clear after Wednesday's special general meeting of members in the Testwood Stadium's Monarch Suite.

Asked if the club's current financial plight could force them to surrender their Southern League Premier Division status, Wallace said: "Potentially, but hopefully not with what we're looking to put into place."

"We're speaking to potential outside investors and, if it comes to fruition, we will be pushing seriously for promotion and will be joining Eastleigh as a major player in this area."

"We are now in a position where we can fully predict our financial costings and we know the club is not sustainable at its current level of income. But we've had talks with potential investors about changing the way the club is run."

Wallace took over as Totton chairman on a caretaker basis in March last year before the role was made permanent in September.

During that time it has hit home that one of Totton's biggest financial burdens is the increased run-



Kayne aims for the top

KAYNE McLaggon is using fellow ex-Saints Gareth Bale and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain as his inspiration as he looks to fire Weston-super-Mare into the Conference National.

Weston are currently going toe-to-toe with Eastleigh and Boreham Wood in a bid to squeeze into the Blue Square Bet South play-offs and 22-year-old McLaggon has hit a rich vein of scoring form.

The Barry-born marksman, who played internationally for Wales at under-17 and under-19 level, made seven appearances for Southampton and would love to return to the professional stage for a third time.

Following his release from St Mary's, he impressed for Salisbury City before getting another Football League break

with Bristol Rovers. But a serious hamstring problem hindered his progress and he returned to the Conference South with Weston last September.

"The Football League is obviously where I want to be and where I feel I should be, but you're at the level you are for a reason," said McLaggon, pictured left.

"Southampton have one of the best youth academies in Europe and I played alongside some great players there. Gareth Bale was coming through and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain was in the same side as me."

"You see your mates basically playing at the highest level on TV in front of thousands of people and it just makes me hungrier to get back there and experience that kind of thing again."

ning costs at their new Testwood Stadium home – which they moved into just over two years ago – compared to their old Testwood Park ground.

"The move to the new stadium has brought with it additional cost. This, coupled with the current wage bill, is a burden that has been building for some time and was masked somewhat by last year's FA Cup run," said Wallace in an official statement issued this week.

"Postponement of games plus lack of major sponsorship has severely impacted on cash flow this season

and highlighted an unsustainable financial impact, which has meant squad wages have been delayed."

Wallace would not comment on rumours that Totton's players have not been paid for 12 weeks.

And he was similarly tight-lipped on talk of the players going on strike ahead of Easter Monday's magnificent 3-2 home win over Gosport Borough.

But in these days of Facebook and Twitter, when nothing stays secret for long, he has nothing but admiration for the way manager Steve Riley, his assistant Chris Ferrett

and the playing squad have dealt with the situation.

"There are wage arrears, but the players and management have been very flexible and supportive of the committee," he said. "It's put a lot of strain on Steve and Chris but they and the playing squad have been exceptionally united and, for that, we're extremely grateful."

"At some clubs they would have gone straight to the press, but our players have supported the club and put their all into playing for AFC Totton – as they demonstrated against Gosport on Monday."

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MALONE TO MAKE HIS CITY RETURN



BACK: Former chairman Dave Malone has agreed to return to cash-strapped Winchester City.

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

DAVE Malone – the financial force behind Winchester City's 2004 FA Vase triumph – is on his way back to the Denplan City Ground.

After weeks of uncertainty over the club's financial future, Malone is poised to replace current owner Paul McCarthy at the end of the season.

Both Malone and McCarthy have had their fair share of detractors during their respective reigns at the club and Malone was unsure about the response he would receive if he decided to go back.

But, having tested the water in Wednesday's fans' meeting at Worthies' Sports & Social Club, he believes he can make a go of it – albeit on a substantially smaller financial scale from his big-spending days of the early Noughties.

After leaving Winchester the season following the FA Vase win, Malone spent six years as director of Eastleigh and was the man who introduced current owners Bridle Insurance to the Blue Square Bet South club.

He left the Spitfires in February 2012 stating: "It is right for me to stand aside and allow them (Bridle) to take the club forward in the manner they see fit" and has kept a low profile ever since.

But he could not stand idly by when it became evident that, without financial help, his home town club Winchester could go out of existence just like Hampshire rivals Andover did two summers ago.

All the time Malone was at Eastleigh, he still considered Winchester to be "my club"

and the last thing he would have wanted was to see it go under.

But he needed to know that other people would be willing to help save the Southern One South & West basement club and was buoyed by the turnout of between 40 and 50 people at the fans' meeting on Wednesday.

Around 30 of those present pledged money towards saving City and that, together with Malone's contribution and that of some other backers he has lined up, should help clear some of the club's immediate debt.

Malone confirmed: "A significant sum was raised which will help considerably to pay off immediate accounts that are outstanding."

"It will ensure the club survives in the short-term and gives us breathing space to set out a plan for next year."

"The mood of the meeting was remarkably upbeat and demonstrated to me that there is a will to keep the club alive."

"We collected some cash and cheques on the night which will help towards the electricity and water bills."

"I'd like to think there's a glimmer of hope for the future now."

Following further talks with Malone on Thursday, McCarthy confirmed: "We had a good meeting and we came to an arrangement that Dave will take over at the end of the season at the latest, but hopefully before."

"The club's outstanding debts are going to be paid by him and his people and we'll talk about the lease etc. at the end of the season."

"The whole thing has got to be for the greater good of the football club, nothing else, and there's no one better qualified than Dave to do the job."

"He's been around the non-League scene and the most important thing is he loves the club."

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NEW SPONSORS

THE FOOTBALL Conference will have new sponsors next season.

Current backers Blue Square Bet are ending their agreement at the end of the 2012/13 campaign, having been purchased by Betfair.

Brian Lee, chairman of the Football Conference, said: "Blue Square Bet has been a tremendous partner for six long seasons and we knew that they were likely to end their contract with us at the end of this current one."

"They have honoured each and every clause of the agreement and we would like to believe that we have responded likewise."

NEW FACES AT H&D

LEE Burch has continued his recruitment drive at Hythe & Dibden.

Burch, who recently took over the reins again at Jones Lane, has added three more to his Sydenhams One squad – Daniel Potter, Nick Skolsky and Adam French.

Skolsky made one appearance for the Waterside club during the 2010/11 season, while Potter had two H&D run-outs in 2009/10.

CHURCH HIT FOUR

WHITCHURCH United continued their Sydenhams One promotion push with a 4-1 win at Andover New Street last Saturday.

The visitors took the lead with a 15th-minute penalty by ex-Saints academy prospect Sam Argent after Luke Walker had been brought down.

Ashley Childs made it 2-0 and Walker bent the ball into the top corner for a three-goal advantage at half-time.

The home side pulled one back through Mat Davies after the break only for Walker to set up Argent for his second of the game.

Argent could have had a hat-trick but shot wide.

Delighted Whitchurch boss Jim Macey beamed: "It was another good result for us. Chris Smalley was absolutely brilliant in midfield."

United rose to second on the back of that win, but were nudged down to third on Tuesday when Brockenhurst beat Laverstock & Ford 1-0 at Grigg Lane.

WALKING THE WALK

A DEDICATED group of Spitfires fans set off at the crack of dawn on Good Friday to make the 25-mile walk from Eastleigh to Basingstoke.

The 11 walkers – Ian Richardson, Nick Colville, Carla Fenna, Andy Everatt, Roger Church, Callum Smith, Kat Denham, Martin Holloway, Simon Ford, Kieran James and Dan Mays – were richly rewarded for their efforts as Richard Hill's Spitfires saw off Basingstoke 3-0 in the Blue Square Bet South.

The sponsored walk was organised to raise money for local charities and those who took part were presented on the Camrose pitch before kick-off.

Magpies eye more silverware

ALRESFORD Town went into the closing stages of the season with the possibility of winning four pieces of silverware.

Two are already adorning the Arlebury Park mantelpiece after the Magpies followed Good Friday's Sydenhams League Cup triumph with a successful defence of the North Hants Senior Cup on Wednesday.

With opponents Whitchurch United making a late surge for glory in Sydenhams One, the Premier Division leaders did not expect to have it all

their own way at Foxcote Park.

But in the end it was a straightforward victory for the Magpies with goals from Warren Bentley (pictured right), Stuart Mott and substitute Mike McEnery.

"It was a competitive game as we knew it would be," said Alresford co-boss Danny Robinson.

On a hard pitch and with a breeze which made things awkward, Whitchurch were in the game until just before the half-hour when prolific striker Bentley finished a flowing move.

Former Eastleigh and Winchester City striker Zach Glasspool shot wide and Dominic Cope glanced a header over either side of the goal, while Whitchurch worked hard but created few chances.

United's Nick Jupp and ex-Saints trainee Sam Argent went close in the first half, but after the break it was mainly backs to the wall as Alresford turned it on.

A Bentley free-kick was nodded in by Mott before substitute McEnery wrapped it up moments from the end.

Whitchurch boss Jim Macey admitted his side never really got going, but added "I was proud of them for getting this far and we had to get past Fleet Town earlier."

"It's my job to pick them up now for the final push."

Alresford will look to complete a unique quadruple by seeing off Blackfield & Langley in the race for the Sydenhams Premier crown and AFC Bournemouth's development side in the final of the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at the Goldsands Stadium on April 22 (7.30pm).



Non-league Football

Sports topple leaders to keep title hopes alive

■ BFA HAYWARD SATURDAY LGE

FERNDOWN Sports kept their DIVISION ONE title hopes alive with a vital 2-1 win over leaders Richmond Park Con with second-half goals from Lascelles Richardson and Ollie Barnes.

Mark Pudney replied from the penalty spot for Richmond.

Ben Mowlam settled the issue 1-0 for Harrington United against Alderholt, while tailenders Bournemouth Electric Reserves chalked up their first point of the season when Rob Harbour and Bradley Gould earned them a 2-2 draw with Queens Park Athletic.

Reigning champions Bournemouth Manor remain seven points clear in the PREMIER DIVISION after Mark Reilly (2), Sam Goodwin, Jesse Hodgson, Darren Spiers and Scott Pilcher gave them the upper hand in a 6-4 thriller with Bournemouth Poppies.

Raphael Olukoya scored both goals to give nearest rivals Bournemouth Electric the verdict 2-1 against Parley Sports, while John Mulhern and Gareth Barnes bagged two apiece in Sway's 5-1 triumph over Hamworthy Recreation. Sam Roberts was the other Sway marksman with Gary Vincent scoring the Hammers' consolation goal.

Ben Virabi struck twice in Portcastrian's 3-1 success against Redlynch & Woodfalls United with Simon Atkins getting the other goal, and Mudeford Men's Club were also 3-1 winners when Russ Blandford, Chris Forbes and Neal Spalding accounted for Westover Bournemouth.

Alan Marsh produced an excellent finish for Old Oakmeadians but they find themselves in the relegation zone after fellow strugglers Allendale got the better of them 3-1 with goals from George Kniff (2) and Nick Johnson.

Steve Flynn struck twice when Bournemouth Electric A clinched the DIVISION THREE title with a 3-1 victory over championship rivals Sway

Reserves. Sean McCoy was the other Sparkies scorer with Mark Lilley converting a first-half penalty for Sway.

Sam Nash earned third-placed Galleon a 1-1 draw with Mploy who replied through Barry Moodie, while Sam Fudge and Nick Collins gave St Mary's a 2-0 success against Fordingbridge Turks.

BU Staff are three points adrift of DIVISION THREE pacesetters AFC Pennington with a game in hand after their 5-2 success against Redhill Rangers with goals from Ben Edkins, Tom Wainwright, Tom Symons, Ricky Barton and Richard Maidment.

A point from their last game of the season should be enough to make New Milton Eagles champions of DIVISION FOUR after their 6-2 triumph over Magpies thanks to Shaun Waterman's hat-trick and further goals from Simon Bransgrove, Chris Payne and Ollie Luchoomun.

Championship rivals Bisterne Blue Sox netted through Steve Moore and Craig Frost but they had to settle for a point when Dan Sumpter and Andy Harman earned Richmond Park Con Reserves a 2-2 draw.

A & T Athletic increased their lead at the top of DIVISION FIVE when they walloped Witchampton 7-0 with a Connor Staggs hat-trick and further goals from Liam Holland, Dean Cook, Reece Darby and Aaron Carrivick.

Nearest rivals Lower Parkstone CFC netted through Pete McLarty and Ross Dominey but they went down 3-2 to goals from Nathan Wyeth, Graham Watton and Sam Davis against third-placed West Howe.

AFC Burton Reserves netted through Ryan Attree and George Harvey but their hopes of taking over on top of DIVISION SIX were dashed when they suffered a shock 3-2 defeat against Milford Reserves whose goals came via Paul Dignan (2) and Ryan Vaughan.

QUEENS REGAIN PREMIER RULE

REIGNING champions Queens Park lead the PREMIER LEAGUE for the first time this season after toppling former pacesetters Foresters Arms 5-0 through Bradley Aspin (2), Dave Midgley (2) and Steve Haime.

Christchurch Royals netted through David Bratt and Dan Seymour but local rivals East Christchurch SSC ran out 7-2 winners thanks to Wayne Etherton (2), Wayne Nagy (2), Alex Rossi (2) and Tom Harris.

Harry's Bar move off the bottom of the table after Jamie Beale, Matthew Connor and Ben Harding ensured a 3-1 success against fellow strugglers Priory Quays who replied through Simon Tao.

Liam McGlynn (2), Steve Liddell and Danny Greenwood netted for JS West Moors but they are also struggling at the foot of the table after Queens Park Rovers just got the better of them 5-4 thanks to Adam Cutler, Callum Booker and a Richard Collins hat-trick.

Jamie Spear struck twice when DIVISION ONE's form team Lotus Press overpowered Bournemouth Athletic 4-1 with Mike Johnson and Josh Corbin adding one each. Shaun Bazier was the Athletic scorer.

AFC Burton netted through Dan Hancock and Bo Salbol but unbeaten DIVISION TWO leaders Redhill were 5-2 winners thanks to James Vallory, Mike Constable and a Connor Phillips hat-trick.

Third-placed Specialist Lettings netted through Bradley Kendrick, Jack Mills and Danny Gibbons but they had to settle for a point when Ryan Moore (2) and Gary Williams earned KC Transport a 3-3 draw.

Toby Williams bagged a hat-trick when second placed Victoria Cross gave AFC Stourvale a 5-1 tonking in DIVISION THREE. Victoria's other two goals came via Kane Darbinson, while Curt Davies scored both Corfe Mullen United goals in their 2-0 win over AFC Burns Lettings.

DIVISION FOUR front-runners Kings Arms Wallisdown suffered only their second defeat of the campaign when Royal Mail Bournemouth topped them 2-0 with goals from



WIN DOUBLE: Queens Park's Bradley Aspin, right.

■ BFA HAYWARD SUNDAY LEAGUE

Shane Theophilus and Joe Thickett.

Ricky Barton rattled in four when Magpies gave Three Cross a 6-0 drubbing with Ben Diverdi and Lee Jensen adding one each, while Robin Tennant (2), Simon Newman, James Wood, Tom Moseley and Dean Hooper were the Fordingbridge Turks marksmen in their 6-1 triumph over Talbot Pub.

Wimborne Magpies go back on top of DIVISION FIVE after Ed Bryant and Dan Ebbelwhite gave them the edge 2-1 against Victoria Park Royals, while Muscliffe shaded it 4-3 against A & T Athletic thanks to Sam May (2), Tom Rickman and John Duke.

Dan Baguley (2) and Jolyan May netted for Bournemouth Electric Reserves but their unbeaten record was ruined when DIVISION SIX leaders Bournemouth Borough upended them 5-3 thanks to Daniel Bailey's hat-trick and further goals from Jeff White and Gareth Bailey.

Second-placed Newtown Rovers swept New Milton Borough aside 5-1 courtesy of Martin Frigot, an own goal and an Adam Jones hat-trick but Ensburys Park Rangers' promotion hopes were dented when they went down 1-0 to a Paul Titman penalty against Pilot.

Windgreen Corfe Mullen chalked up a fourth successive victory when they walloped Shamrock 7-1 with goals from Duncan Moody (2), Matt Eves (2), Oliver Turk, Dave Barfoot and Steve Morris.

Kinson Con netted through Carl Wicks, Leighton Clarke and a Pete Valinski hat-trick but the DIVISION SEVEN leaders were beaten 6-5 by AFC Dean Park whose goals came via Matt Whitcher, Adam Eager, Ryan Weeks and a Dean Iles hat-trick.

Ferndown Forest take over in pole position after Chris Winfield (2), Oliver Cottis, James Deem and Richard Pope ensured a 5-2 success against

Intellihouse, while Phil Gaduj (2) and Robbie Desmond gave Winkton Autos the verdict 3-2 against West Mullen.

Kings Arms Dynamos hold top spot in DIVISION EIGHT after Alex James (2) and Ryan Faulkner accounted for JP Morgan 3-1.

A & T Athletic Reserves remain just a point behind after trouncing ARC Cleaning 9-0. Shane Barney plundered four and Liam Holland nabbed a hat-trick with Kyle Stacey and Ashley Irving adding one each.

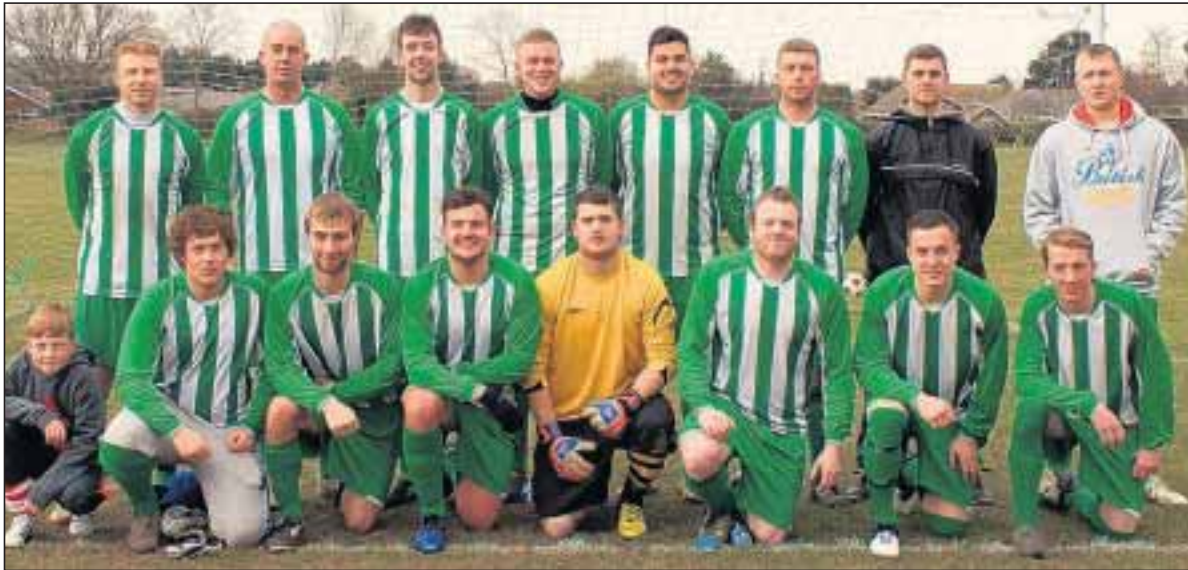
Alderholt move up to third place after Elliott Cromarty (2), Alex Hirst and Matt Bailey gave them the upper hand 4-2 against ECP.

Hundred per cent Gala remain nine points clear at the top of DIVISION NINE after Chris Ballam (2), Mike Wynne (2) and Jesse Hodgson put paid to Kings Arms Athletic 5-2.

Mark Pudney hit Bournemouth Foxes for six when second-placed Talbot Rangers thrashed them 8-2 with Kyle Wheeler getting the other two goals.

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Non-league Football



VERACITY VIPERS

Back row left to right: Ash Harris, Steve Spiby, Sam White, Sean Jones, Chris Castle, Sean Roger, Keith Smart, Reece Standon. Front: Phil Staple, Warren Atteril, Costa Sourmenidi, Dean Curnow, Lewis Crook, Sam Barton.

Aztecs are closing in on the title

HYTHE Aztecs look odds on for the Veterans B division title after a 4-1 win at main rivals Hedge End Rangers.

Gary Day netted twice with Kev Reacord and Paul Odam also scoring.

Baddesley Park took all six points from a double header with Northend, winning 2-1 and 3-2.

Sporting BTC B gained their first win of the season as Ben Goodridge hit two on his comeback from injury for a 3-1 victory against Compton.

The C division also had a rare victory for Redbridge OB, 3-1 at Priory – Rafai Sulemani grabbing a brace.

Another double by Dave Saunders helped Stoneham to a 4-2 verdict over title hopefuls Royal Mail.

Langley Tavern enjoyed a taste of summer as Paul Summers scored twice in their 4-2 win at Sholing.

Veterans Over 40 leaders Locks Heath can only be caught by Hamble Club, who must win all their games to have any chance of the inaugural title.

Darren Gooch scored twice as Hamble edged Winchester OB 3-2.

Matt Osborne of Langley Manor scored all three in a 3-1 win at Old Tauntonians.

Bishops Waltham and Wildern won one each of a double header.

Howard Gunter netted both in Wildern's 2-0 win, while Matt Edwards did likewise for BWD as they won 3-1 in the other.

Shoot-out drama in cup semis

BOTH Eastleigh RA Vets Cup semi-finals finished 3-3 with penalties required to sort them out.

Woolston led 2-0 before Langley Manor struck three times in five second half minutes through Dave Boyd, Nick Alp and Tony Flood.

Langley Manor won 4-3 on penalties. Alan Bishop, Mick Allen and Pete Hildes were the Woolston marksmen.

Nursling were pegged back late in their match with Sporting BTC as Rick Geddes scored all three for Nursling.

Darren Randall with a penalty, Nick Allen and Dean Byrne pulled Sporting level.

Nursling kept their nerve in the shoot-out with keeper Shane Wheeler the hero as they also won 4-3 on spot-kicks.

The Vets Supp Trophy semi-finals saw RS Winchester stun A division Q K Southampton.

An early own goal set the scene and Mark Ellway added the second in a 2-0 victory.

It will be RS Winchester's third successive final, and they have lost the previous two.

Their opponents will be Redlynch & Woodfalls who defeated GE Aviation 3-0 courtesy of an Alan Shields double and Carlo Downie.

BULL SETS UP CENTRAL

NETLEY Central were grateful to Ricky Bull for their 1-0 victory over AFC Hittingbury which moved them closer to a possible League and HFA Intermediate Cup double.

Bishopstoke WMC put some distance between themselves and rock bottom White Star with a timely 4-2 victory over Questmap courtesy of Ollie Dobson (2), John French and Anthony Field.

The big Senior 1 match finished 3-0 to Park Sports over Soton Energy with two second half goals from Roman Williams and Ryan Longhurst.

The chase is on as Park try to catch runaway leaders Hedge End Town, who won 6-0 at Michelmersh & Tisbury Reserves thanks to a Steve Deacon hat-trick, Stuart Seaborne (2) and Ben Dashwood.

East Boldre have not given up just yet and their 1-0 win at BTC Southampton Reserves came from Charlie Sandford.

Durley Reserves turned a 3-1 deficit into a 4-3 win at Burridge with Leon Wheeler, Mike Cooper, Mark Foreman and Andy Butler on target.

The Junior Vase final will be contested by two Junior 6 teams as Mitre inflicted a shock 6-1 defeat on Junior 5 leaders Phoenix.

Matt Alford struck twice with further efforts from Mark Brown, Dave Watts, Joe Watts and Matt Conway.

They will now meet AFC Station on May Bank Holiday Monday.

The Junior Trophy is now at the semi-final stage as Questmap Reserves defeated AFC Gordons 5-2 with Ash Leech (2), Haydn Davies, Charlie Hinge and John Murdoch netting.

Holders Veracity Vipers defeated Bitterne 5-3 with Reece Standon and Costa Sourmenidis both scoring twice and Kev Hayter once.



RIVERSIDE: Back row left to right: Callum Wardle, Matty Cozens, Daniel Burgess, Danny Corbett-Butler, Gary Fitzhorseswell, Kevin Corbett-Butler, Greg Pallet, Mike Dunningham. Front: Will Chick, Craig Phillips, Dan Phillips, Dean Guyatt, Sam Drummond, Ryan Phillips.

Dan Phillips hit a double as Riverside kept up hopes of a league and Cup treble alive with a 4-0 defeat of Langley Manor.

Mike Dunningham and Callum Wardle were among the scorers.

Solent Saints still look most likely to take the title after taking four points in a double header with Compton, drawing 1-1 and winning 5-0 – Mike Forbes grabbing a brace in the second game.

In Junior 2 Wellington won 4-1 against London Airways with two goals from Pete Burgess and Mark Christopher.

Chamberlayne took six points from a double header with Hamble United with Billy Cozens scoring twice in one game and one in the other as they won 2-0 and 3-0.

Inmar improved their hopes of survival with an 8-2 mauling of Otterbourne A, Dave Roberts scoring four times.

Junior 3 favourites AFC Gulf Western took six points from Totton Albion but were pushed all the way in the second game (2-1) after a 6-1 win first time around with Jordan Penfold a treble hero.

Warsash Wasps trailed Wellow 2-0 but won 4-3 through Chris Rose, Brett Streek, Owen Wylie and a late Mike Ruswa winner.

Two each from Lee Ewka and Liam Hindle secured a 5-0 win for Infinity Reserves at Bricklayers.

Botley Village inflicted a shock 3-2 defeat on Junior 3 favourites Chandlers Ford with Jack Hallett at the double.

Harefield Res hit Cricketers for six without reply, Jamie Crease and Ryan McDermott netting doubles.

Chris Schuring also scored two as Priory Rovers kept in touch with a 4-3 win at New Forest.

Botley Village Reserves came up short against Sporting Wessex, taking just one point from a double header – drawing 0-0 and losing 2-0 with Matt Greep and Ashley Gunner scoring for Sporting in Junior 5.

Braishfield Reserves edged a nine goal thriller 5-4 at South Coast as Ben Jacobs and Naz Brora both scored twice.

Bishops Waltham Dynamos mauled Michelmersh & Tisbury A 15-0 to maintain their perfect record for the season.

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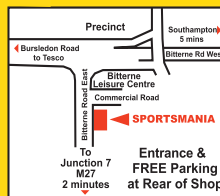
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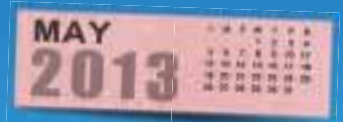
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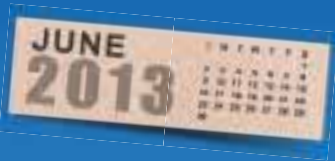
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- **Guernsey Tasty Walks:** Throughout April
- **Jersey 1940 Swing Dance Weekend:** 19 - 22 April



- **Jersey Boat Show:** 4 - 6 May
- **Liberation Day Celebrations:** Jersey and Guernsey 9 May
- **Spring Walking Week:** Jersey and Guernsey 11 - 18 May
- **Jersey Food Festival:** 18 - 26 May
- **Guernsey Festival Of Comedy:** 31 May - 8 June



- **Jersey International Motoring Festival:** 7 - 9 June
- **Free Admission to Castle Cornet, Guernsey Museum and Fort Grey** to celebrate Queen's Birthday: 15 June
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Non-league Football



Compass find way to top

IN Junior Division 6, Sporting Compass Reserves produced a scintillating first half performance to see off Athletic Totton 5-2 and leapfrog them in the table.

Stuart Griffin (3) and Jake Wilkes (2) netted as Compass stormed into a 5-1 interval lead.

Test Valley Spartans beat Netley RBL 4-2 with Tom Reed (3) and Dan Leyland on target. Adam Sear and Antony Davies replied.

Second placed Southampton Classic were held in an entertaining 3-3 draw with Portside.

Alex Azadegan (2) and Steve Norman netted for Portside with Ben Wright (2) and Martin Wilson replying.

Sky Blues extended their lead at the top to thirteen points with a 5-3 victory over AFC Bishopstoke Reserves.

There was another hat-trick for Josh Hawkins with Bradley Snelling and Paul

Redhead also on target. Nathan Alexander (2) and Sunday Oshikoya replied.

Four goals in either half saw HSC Southern Stars pour more misery on Testwood Tornadoes in an 8-0 drubbing.

Goals came from Diogo Ribeiro (2), Luis Filipe Ribeiro (2), Imran Msallam (2), Abdijabar Ali and Tanade Abdurahman.

In the U21 Division, leaders Burridge Youth were held 2-2 at home by Crofton Saints.

Anthony Baker (2) scored for Saints, with Danny Stubbs and Liam Slade replying – all the goals coming in the first half.

Saints then condemned Michelmersh and Timsbury to a tenth straight league defeat with a 9-1 demolition.

Baker scored once with further goals coming from Josh Borg (4), Mick Johnson, Anthony Baker, Lee Anthony and Rory Wood.

Six of the best powers Horns to semis

ASH Holland scored twice as AFC Horns advanced to the semi finals of the DR Ryder Trophy with a 6-0 away romp at AFC Riverside.

Josh Knight, Dan Smith, Ed Stacey and Stu Laxton also scored for Horns, who were 5-0 up at half-time.

Knighon Arms maintained their hopes of a fourth successive title when they caned Old Mill 9-1 to remain top of the Premier Division with two games in hand over City Central.

Central beat Westwood Old Boys 4-0 with goals from Sanchez McLean (2),

Izaak McLean and Aaron Cashmore.

Knighon will hope to continue their impressive winning streak this Sunday when they face Totton in the semi-final of the AJ Miller Trophy.

They then bid for their second trophy of the season next Thursday when they face City Central in the final of the Hampshire Sunday Senior Cup at AFC Totton (7.45pm).

Senior Division leaders Linden Tree overcame a stubborn Eastbrook Harriers 3-2.

On target were Russ

Medcalf (2) and Dan Diaper, with Sam Crawford and Dean Broderick replying.

Unbeaten Bridge AFC made light work of Castle Inn in Junior Division 1, running out 5-0 winners with goals from Rob Elder (2), Jamie Whittaker, Wayne O'Dell and Mitch Drouet.

Third placed FC Railway survived a spirited second half comeback from bottom of the table Echo to triumph 4-3.

Railway were 4-1 up at half-time, with James Dixey, James Long and Liam Fielder replying.

Woodmill justified their

superior league position with a 5-1 win at Newton Athletic thanks to goals from Steve Allen (3), Matt Fitzpatrick and Tommy Stringer. Andy Catterson replied.

Chartwell Green claimed a point away to Southampton, drawing 1-1 thanks to a second half leveller from Karl Lloyd. Shaun Looker had put the Bhoys ahead.

In the only match to be played in Junior Division 2, second placed AFC Southampton beat Cricketers Arms 2-0 with Lee Ryves and Dave Greenwood on target.



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All to play for at the bottom

IN Junior Division 3, relegation-threatened Carnival UK secured three points with a 3-1 win at home to Potswood Utd, with goals from Gary Crook (2) and Jamie Barron. Mark Haynes replied.

Bottom of the table Sherfield English Reserves denied LH Galaxy the spoils, coming back from 2-1 down at the interval to draw 2-2.

Gary Whitten's double had put Galaxy ahead, but Ashley McGimpsey and Luke McCormack replied.

Second placed RS Ocean Village prevailed 6-4 in a thrilling encounter with Landguard Rovers.

Ben Dawkins (3), Akbar Shah, Rob Longman and John Longman were on target, with Jay Dillon (2), Tunde Akintolu and Nathan Bygrave replying.

Leaders AV Chivas sealed a vital three points at the top of Junior Division 4 with a 2-1 win at home to Durlay, Dave Hall and Jon Andrews scoring.

Hampshire Yeoman restricted the gap to one point, however, with a 2-1 victory at Eastpoint, with Jake Voller and Paul Wilkinson netting.

Boyatt Wood Wanderers crashed 6-2 at home to EDIS, who scored through Lewis



Park Scratchings

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Middleton (3), Ricky Hart, Ross Chandler and Ricky Everson.

Junior Division 5 leaders Bridge AFC Reserves beat Ampfield 4-2 away with goals from Connor Bray, Tom Kemp, Ryan Long and James Shirley.

Obelisk, who continued their perfect season with a 4-

1 win away to Chartwell Green Reserves, remain second thanks to goals from Ross Hickman (3) and Joe Wilson.

Obelisk, however, still have six games in hand.

Second bottom Cherbourg Reserves were seldom troubled in their 4-1 defeat of winless JSC, with Adam Laney,

Josh Laney, Mike Knott and Darren Coffin on target.

Burridge AFC were forced to hold on for a 3-2 victory at Itchen Saints despite leading 3-0 at the break.

Mitch Bradley, Dave Middleton and Andy Graham had put Burridge into a commanding lead, before Jack McStaying netted twice.

SEE MONDAY'S ECHO FOR ALL THE WEEKEND'S RESULTS



SAINTS RETAIN CUP

SOUTHAMPTON Saints retained The Southampton Divisional FA Challenge Women's Cup after beating Southampton Women 1-0 at Romsey Town's Bypass Ground.

An 81st minute strike from Hannah Chalk was enough to seal the win for the holders in freezing conditions.

Southampton Women hit the cross bar early on in what proved to be an evenly matched first half where both defences came out on top.

The second half saw Saints creating more and the deadlock should have been broken when Midge Browning was sent clean through, but she could only shoot straight at Cash.

The introduction of Chelsea Owton and later Chalk changed the game, providing Saints with the penetration previously lacking.

The pair combined to produce a moment of quality on 81 minutes, Owton's defence-splitting pass allowing Chalk to break the deadlock with a cool finish past Cash.

Owton deservedly lifted the player of the match award.

A few days later Saints were brought back down to earth after losing 3-0 to Portsmouth University in the South West Combination League.

This Sunday Southampton Saints Ladies travel to Swindon Town's County Ground for the Ambassador Area Cup final.

Southampton Saints' under-10s continued their 100 per cent record when they beat Winchester City Flyers 5-0 in the Winchester & District Girls League.



WINNERS: Chelsea Owton, above, receives an award as player of the match in the Women's Cup final from Dave Creeden. Left – Krystal Whyte receives the Southampton FA Women's Cup. Pictures by Tom Campbell.



GOAL-DEN GIRL: Hannah Chalk scores the only goal of the Southampton FA Women's Challenge Cup final.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Spitfires gear up for start

SOUTHAMPTON Spitfires' senior sides returned to training this weekend with the men's squad just three weeks away from their opening fixture.

That is an away trip to Brighton-based Sussex Merlins on April 27.

That game will act as a springboard into the early season derby encounter with arch rivals Portsmouth Seahawks on May 4.

Southampton have never beaten Portsmouth in a rugby league encounter but came close in a 20-14 Grand Final defeat at the end of last year.

They will be hoping to go one better this season.

The women's league fixtures will be finalised later this month as they gear up for their season with a cup clash on April 28, the draw for which takes place next week.

The Spitfires under-14s return to action this weekend with a home game against fifth-placed Staines Titans, who sit level on points but two places above the Spitfires.



DERBY DATE: Spitfires take on Portsmouth again on May 4.

Match report and photos from that game will feature in next week's *Sports Pink*.

Off the field, several local companies have once again come out in support of the city's rugby league club with Southampton Spitfires announcing a number of first team sponsors for the season ahead.

Long-standing main sponsors Clearsky Accounting have been joined by Southampton-based GSPM Property Maintenance, both on two-year deals.

The Gym Southampton have agreed to provide the club's player of the month award and My Purple Garage, Southampton's female friendly MOT and service centre, continue their support of the women's team.

The club has a host of advertising and sponsorship opportunities and would particularly welcome interest from local companies as they bid to continue their development.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Sat April 6: Staines Titans (H) u14s
Sat April 13: London Skolars (A) u14s
Sat April 27: Brixton Bulls (A) u14s,
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Sat April 28: Women's Cup R1 TBC

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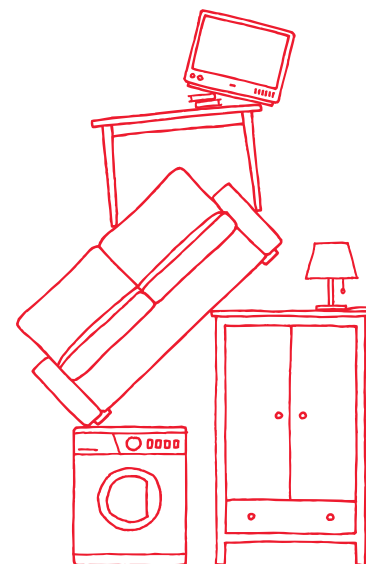
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| Brighton | 41 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 31 | 16 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 26 | 25 | 62 |
| Leicester | 41 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 40 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 21 | 60 |
| Bolton | 41 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 33 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 27 | 36 | 60 |
| Middlesbro | 41 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 35 | 23 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 22 | 39 | 55 |
| Derby City | 41 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 39 | 21 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 20 | 35 | 54 |
| Burnley | 41 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 21 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 29 | 35 | 54 |
| Charlton | 41 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 26 | 32 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 33 | 54 |
| Birmingham | 41 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 27 | 33 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 30 | 33 | 53 |
| Ipswich | 41 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 27 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 31 | 53 |
| Millwall | 39 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 25 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 27 | 28 | 52 |
| Leeds Utd | 41 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 26 | 23 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 25 | 38 | 52 |
| Blackpool | 41 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 29 | 23 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 27 | 31 | 51 |
| Sheff Wed | 40 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 27 | 34 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 22 | 50 |
| Wolves | 41 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 27 | 30 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 24 | 30 | 48 |
| Barnsley | 40 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 23 | 24 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 27 | 36 | 48 |
| Huddersfld | 41 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 23 | 24 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 19 | 44 | 48 |
| Blackburn | 40 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 22 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 25 | 33 | 47 |
| Peterboro | 41 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 30 | 37 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 29 | 30 | 47 |
| Bristol C | 41 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 38 | 38 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 18 | 36 | 40 |

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| CHERRIES | 3 | Notts Cnty | 1 |
| Fitchie 17,85 | | Hughes 2 | |
| HT 2-1 | | Att 7,551 | |

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| Colchester | 2 | Leyton O | 1 |
| Massey 20, D Wright 24 | | Lisbie 37 | |
| HT 2-1 | | Att 4,704 | |
| Coventry | 1 | Brentford | 1 |
| Baker 45 pen | | Forrester 47 | |
| HT 1-0 | | Att 10,642 | |
| Doncaster | 1 | Tranmere | 0 |
| Jones 63 | | | |
| HT 0-0 | | Att 7,979 | |
| Hartlepool | 2 | Bury | 0 |
| Monkhouse 42,71 | | | |
| HT 1-0 | | Att 2,939 | |
| M K Dons | 0 | Crawley | 0 |
| HT 0-0 | | Att 7,746 | |
| Oldham | 1 | Carlisle | 2 |
| Baxter 73 pen | | Noble 9, Mustoe 33 | |
| HT 0-2 | | Att 4,271 | |
| POMPEY | 0 | Stevenage | 0 |
| HT 0-0 | | Att 12,036 | |
| Preston | 3 | Scunthorpe | 0 |
| Holmes 38, Wroe 77 | | | |
| HT 1-0 | | | |
| Walsall | 1 | Sheff Utd | 1 |
| Westcar 44 | | Porter 65 | |
| HT 1-0 | | Att 7,042 | |
| Yeovil | 2 | Shrewsbury | 1 |
| Hayter 11 pen | | McGinn 21 | |
| HT 2-1 | | Att 4,473 | |

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| Doncaster | 42 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 26 | 20 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 33 | 20 | 78 |
| CHERRIES | 43 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 40 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 30 | 32 | 76 |
| Yeovil | 42 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 22 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 30 | 71 |
| Brentford | 41 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 34 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 20 | 22 | 71 |
| Sheff Utd | 40 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 27 | 17 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 25 | 17 | 70 |
| Swindon | 41 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 37 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 17 | 68 |
| Tranmere | 43 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 31 | 20 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 27 | 26 | 66 |
| Walsall | 43 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 37 | 28 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 26 | 26 | 66 |
| Leyton O | 43 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 28 | 19 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 23 | 28 | 64 |
| M K Dons | 41 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 33 | 20 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 22 | 61 |
| Notts Cnty | 43 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 27 | 23 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 28 | 23 | 58 |
| Crawley | 41 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 29 | 25 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 22 | 29 | 58 |
| Crewe | 40 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 18 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 27 | 35 | 58 |
| Coventry | 43 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 28 | 26 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 35 | 28 | 54 |
| Stevenage | 43 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 26 | 30 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 21 | 27 | 54 |
| Preston | 41 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 28 | 22 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 22 | 25 | 51 |
| Carlisle | 42 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 31 | 40 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 21 | 31 | 51 |
| Shrewsbury | 42 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 25 | 22 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 25 | 33 | 48 |
| Colchester | 42 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 25 | 29 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 34 | 47 |
| Oldham | 40 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 22 | 25 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 19 | 29 | 41 |
| Scunthorpe | 42 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 27 | 36 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 33 | 41 |
| POMPEY | 43 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 24 | 27 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 36 | 39 |
| Hartlepool | 43 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 26 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 17 | 38 | 36 |
| Bury | 42 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 29 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 39 | 34 |

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| Barnet | 0 | Chesterfld | 2 |
| HT 0-0 | | O Shea 57, Togwell 78 | |
| Bradford | 1 | Northmptn | 1 |
| Wells 23 | | Att 10,389 | |
| Bristol R | 1 | AFC Wimbledon | 0 |
| Hitchcock 82 | | Att 6,881 | |
| HT 0-0 | | Att 3,755 | |
| Exeter | 0 | Dagenham | 0 |
| HT 0-1 | | Doe 5 | |
| Fleetwood T | 0 | Rochdale | 3 |
| HT 0-0 | | Henderson 9, Donnelly 61 | |
| Gillingham | 1 | Torquay | 0 |
| Kedwell 48 | | Att 2,954 | |
| HT 0-0 | | Att 7,574 | |
| Morecambe | 2 | Rotherham | 0 |
| Threfall 56, Ellison 90 | | Att 1,777 | |
| Oxford Utd | 0 | Wycombe | 0 |
| HT 0-1 | | Grant 19 | |
| Plymouth | 2 | Cheltenham | 0 |
| HT 0-0 | | Hector 54 og | |
| HT 1-0 | | Att 7,941 | |
| York | 1 | Acc Stanley | 1 |
| Reed 45 | | Murphy 90 | |
| HT 1-0 | | Att 4,446 | |

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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
| Gillingham | 43 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 19 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 27 | 14 | 82 | |
| Port Vale | 42 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 47 | 23 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 34 | 23 | 74 | |
| Northampton | 42 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 39 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 37 | 68 | |
| Cheltenham | 43 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 33 | 16 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 23 | 35 | 68 | |
| Burton Albion | 42 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 43 | 21 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 22 | 41 | 67 | |
| Rotherham | 41 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 36 | 27 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 27 | 34 | 56 | |
| Exeter | 42 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 29 | 25 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 31 | 26 | 63 | |
| Bradford | 41 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 18 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 27 | 29 | 61 | |
| Chesterfield | 42 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 20 | 60 | |
| Fleetwood Town | 43 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 29 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 21 | 60 | |
| Bristol Rovers | 42 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 32 | 27 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 24 | 34 | 58 | |
| Southend | 41 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 24 | 24 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 32 | 24 | 57 | |
| Oxford United | 43 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 26 | 27 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 27 | 34 | 55 | |
| Morecambe | 43 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 28 | 25 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 26 | 32 | 55 | |
| Wycombe | 41 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 24 | 22 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 33 | 55 | |
| Rochdale | 42 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 26 | 23 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 35 | 40 | 54 | |
| Dagenham | 43 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 28 | 26 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 27 | 33 | 51 | |
| Plymouth | 42 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 25 | 23 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 28 | 49 | |
| Barnet | 43 | 7 | 9 | | | | 6 | 13 | 17 | | | | |
| Accrington Stanley | 43 | 7 | 8 | 26 | 31 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 34 | | | |
| FC Walsley | 43 | 5 | 9 | 24 | 31 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 22 | 34 | | | |
| Torquay | 43 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 32 | 35 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 15 | 22 | 46 | |
| York | 43 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 23 | 30 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 22 | 29 | 46 | |
| Aldershot | 41 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 21 | 28 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 18 | 25 | 44 | |